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This case originated at: PITTSBURGH, PA.

File No. 100-1146

Report made at PITTSBURGH, PA.	Date 12/16/42	Period 7/27-29; 8/11, 25; 11/30/42	Report made by WILLIAM W. REYNOLDS
Title ROBERT GWATHMEY			Character INTERNAL SECURITY-C CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Synopsis of Facts: Subject, born January 24, 1903, at Richmond, Virginia. Attended North Carolina State College of Business Administration, Maryland Institute of Art, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Employed Beaver College, Jenkinstown, Pa. 1923 to 1938. Engaged in "special work" 1938 to 1939 at New York City. Employed as art instructor Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh 1939 to 1942. Presently employed Cooper Union, New York City. Informant stated subject, although not employed at W. P. A. project, held Communist dominated meetings of union attempting to organize project. Meetings also held at home of two Communist Party members, attended by subject as active member of union and organizer. Contact stated subject a member of Associated Artists of Pittsburgh and a Communist sympathizer. Subject received mail from Federation of Constitutional Rights in Western Pennsylvania, a Communist front organization, and was on the mailing list of the Contemporary Book Shop, official Communist Party book store, Pittsburgh, where subject lectured on at least two occasions. No criminal record. Description set forth. *8 u*

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ON *3/14/97*

DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon information obtained from Confidential Informant T-1 on February 26, 1941, concerning Communist activities in the W. P. A. Pennsylvania Art Project, at

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Pittsburgh, implicating subject as set forth hereinafter. It is noted that while in Pittsburgh subject was considered a key figure in Communist Party activities.

AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

u The following information was obtained from [Confidential Informant (T-2)]

Subject stated he had had four months experience as a seaman, and since 1931 his occupation has been that of artist and teacher. He stated that in addition to his occupation of art he also paints for exposition and sale; that he is next best fitted for the job of map making and camouflage. Subject also stated that his earnings during the past twelve months from his position as art instructor at Carnegie Institute of Technology had been \$2,500 plus \$540 and \$800 during the last two years respectively derived from sale of his own works. He stated further that his wife, ROSALIE, received \$831 from stock dividends and from the estate of her deceased father during the past twelve months. He said that the only other property possessed by his family was \$1,500 in Government bonds held for CHARLES GWATHMEY, son. Subject stated he had been engaged in no other occupation within the past five years, that he had never been convicted of a crime, and that he had been classified as 3-A under the Selective Service Act on August 10, 1942. On June 25, 1942, subject stated that his address was being changed from 5712 Howe Street to 3217 West Grace Street, Richmond, Va., telephone number 6-7819, where he intended to spend part of his summer vacation during 1942; that the rest of his vacation would be spent with his wife's family in Charlotte, North Carolina; that beginning September 1, 1942, he would be employed by Cooper Union, 4th Avenue and 8th Street, New York City.

u [From Confidential Informant T-3] it was learned that no picture of GWATHMEY was available inasmuch as GWATHMEY was employed at Carnegie Institute of Technology to teach classes at night for the most part and that for this reason GWATHMEY had been excluded from the project of photographing all instructors and faculty members at Carnegie Tech. [T-3] also stated that while he did not know subject personally he did know that Mrs. LORENE H. TWIGGS, secretary to Professor WILFRED A. READIO, Fine Arts Building, Carnegie Tech, was a close friend of subject. [T-3] also stated that he knew of nothing derogatory concerning GWATHMEY; that he had access to records which verified date and place of birth of subject as given. [T-3] further stated that GWATHMEY had attended North Carolina State College of Business Administration at Raleigh, North Carolina during the school year of 1923 to 1924. He later attended Maryland Institute of Art at Baltimore from 1924 to 1925. Following this, he attended

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the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts at Philadelphia, Pa., from 1925 to 1929. [T-3] stated he had no knowledge of subject's activities between the years of 1929 and 1932 in which year GWATHMEY was employed at Beaver College, Jenkinstown, Pa. as assistant to the head of the Art Department where he remained until 1938.

[According to [T-3] GWATHMEY was not hired by Carnegie Tech until September 1, 1939, when he was hired as an instructor, Department of Painting and Design, at a salary of \$2,500 a year. He continued in good standing in this position until June 3, 1942 when he resigned voluntarily.

[Confidential Informant [T-4] stated that he was but slightly acquainted with GWATHMEY but believed that GWATHMEY had been teaching art classes at night at Beaver College; that he was hired expressly as a night teacher of art by Carnegie Tech; that he did not know whether GWATHMEY was teaching night classes at Cooper Union but that Cooper Union is known to specialize in night classes.

[T-4] stated that GWATHMEY had the reputation of being a good teacher of art and was believed to have the interest of his students at heart. [T-4] explained that the night students at Carnegie Tech have low entrance requirements as compared with those of the day students and that these night classes are considered by the college partly as a social service to the public. As a result of this many of these students rank low with regard to talent, intelligence, and morality. [T-4] further stated that on several occasions GWATHMEY had called some of these students to the attention of the college authorities with the recommendation that they should be aided in entering the day classes. [T-4] further stated that attendance at these night classes had fallen off noticeably by the end of the school year of 1941 but that in spite of this GWATHMEY was asked to return during the year of 1941 to 1942 but on the understanding that his contract could only be renewed for the current year. He also advised that these classes were held from 6:30 to 10:30 every evening for five nights per week. Because of the low attendance of the night classes, GWATHMEY was allowed to fill in occasionally during the absence of the day art teachers.

[T-4] stated he knew nothing derogatory concerning subject, his associates, nor any organizations to which subject belonged.

[Confidential Informant [T-5] furnished the following information:

GWATHMEY's father, a railroad man, was killed when GWATHMEY was only a boy and GWATHMEY was brought up by his mother and two older sisters. His was a very old Virginia family, pre-revolutionary in origin. Early

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domination by his family gave subject a strong interest in the under-dogs, especially the Negroes in the South in whose position GWATHMEY is deeply interested. There is no evidence of any direct activities of subject in their behalf, however. Subject is an able painter, mainly in the field of figure painting. At one time he completed a mural for the Federal Government in a southern town, name unknown, the job being awarded to him on the basis of genuine competition among other artists.

Prior to his employment at Carnegie Tech, [according to T-5] subject was employed by Beaver College, near Philadelphia, from which position he was asked to resign due to a disagreement arising strictly out of his personal conduct alone, an incident in which he conducted an art class on a tour through art galleries in New York City then later allowed them to drink cocktails which was considered undesirable on the part of the Beaver College authorities. While at Carnegie Tech, subject taught art five nights a week, Monday through Friday, and all day Saturday. During the second semester of the school year 1941 to 1942 GWATHMEY also taught day classes on one afternoon each week.

[According to T-5] subject has an excellent personal reputation, being credited with much personal generosity and an ability to inspire under-dogs, having aided one girl in his classes in particular by employing her in his home. [T-5] further advised that subject has never said anything which might be construed to indicate a lack of patriotism or failure to do his share in regard to the war. [T-5] also stated GWATHMEY has openly avowed his Communist sympathies; that it is not known whether subject is a member of the Communist Party, nor was he acquainted with any Communist activities engaged in by subject. [T-5] further stated that GWATHMEY has given lectures on art on at least two occasions at the Contemporary Book Shop, dates unknown, and in the spring of 1942 Mrs. ROSALIE GWATHMEY was understood to have exhibited a collection of photographs at the Contemporary Book Shop.

[T-5] stated that he knew of no organizations to which subject belonged except the Associated Artists of Pittsburgh, 222 Craft Avenue, Oakland, and he recalled that at one time subject had been interested in a benefic exhibition of some kind in connection with the W. P. A.; that subject had also been interested in Russian Relief, to what extent he did not know.

Information was received from Confidential Informant T-6 on February 26, 1941, who alleged that Communist had attempted to organize the Art Project of the Pittsburgh Unit of the W. P. A. into a union with the object of then gaining control of the union.

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In support of this allegation, [T-6] stated that Mr. BENJAMIN KNOTTS of Philadelphia, then State Director of the Art Project, attempted to get [T-6] to organize an artists union among the employees of the Pennsylvania Art Project and presented [T-6] with a pin which was inscribed U. F. A. W., presumably the United Federation of Artists and Writers. [T-6] stated that pamphlets issued by the Workers' Alliance and the Communist Party were constantly distributed by ROBERT BROWN, known Communist Party member, who worked on the project.

[T-6] stated that KNOTTS desired that the W. P. A. Art Project be used in camouflage work for the army and that later a camouflage section in the Art Project was, in fact, inaugurated under JOSEPH KLEIGER who stated to [T-6] ahead and expose us. You cannot prove a thing. [T-6] stated that Communists constituted the membership of the camouflage section. It is noted that subject has stated that the job for which he is next best fitted is that of camouflage and map making.

[T-6] further supported his allegation by stating that he was constantly being invited to meetings, represented to be meetings of the union, but which, according to [T-6] were Communist dominated meetings. [T-6] was invited to these meetings held sometimes at the home of ROBERT GWATHMEY, 5712 Howe Street, Pittsburgh, not on the Art Project, but an instructor of painting at Carnegie Tech, and who, according to [T-6] was helping to organize the Art Project into a union.

[T-6] was also invited to meetings held at the home of ERNEST WRIGHT, with whom lives ROBERT BROWN, at 4345 Andover Terrace. [T-6] stated that WRIGHT was the head of the writers' project of the W. P. A. and had been dismissed from the University of Pittsburgh for radical activities.

[redacted] who is known to the Bureau, advised that ERNEST WRIGHT and ROBERT BROWN were both members of the Communist Party; that he had no knowledge as to whether or not subject was actually a Communist Party member.

[T-6] further stated that he had been invited also to meetings held at the Contemporary Book Shop, 440 Wood Street, which he felt was a Communist Book Shop. It is noted that the Contemporary Book Shop actually is the official Communist book store of Pittsburgh and that meetings of all kinds are held there by the Communists.

[T-6] further stated he had information concerning fourteen people who attended one of the meetings at 4345 Andover Terrace, the home of ERNEST WRIGHT and ROBERT BROWN, at which meeting subject was present as an active member and organizer of the union. According to [T-6] GWATHMEY was not

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employed on the Art Project but was closely associated with the radical group which was employed on the project; that GWATHMEY had been sent to Philadelphia from New York to organize the W. P. A. in the summer of 1937; that GWATHMEY did organize the W. P. A., and through picketing and the organized attack of Communist front organizations, finally forced the resignation of MARY CURRAN, then State Director of the W. P. A., who made the statement, according to T-6, that she was forced to resign because Communist Party fronts sent in petitions and urged she be discharged or resign.

T-6 further stated that it was GWATHMEY who signed the cards asking members to attend meetings at WRIGHT's home.

From Confidential Informant T-7, it was revealed that both subject and his wife, in June of 1941, received mail from the Federation for Constitutional Rights in western Pennsylvania, a Communist Party organization. & u

Confidential Informant T-8 revealed that subject's name was contained, on March 27, 1942, on the mailing list of the Contemporary Book Shop, official Communist Party book store, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. & u

u On January 10, 1941, Confidential Informant T-9 stated that subject, together with RUSSELL TWIGGS and BARBARA LEVETTE, were instructors at Carnegie Institute of Technology and were in sympathy with the Communist movement; that subject had delivered a lecture at a Communist meeting, time and place unknown. It is noted that RUSSELL TWIGGS is the husband of LORENE TWIGGS, mentioned by T-3 above. u

On April 18, 1942, a post card was received by the Pittsburgh Field Division from Confidential Informant T-10 which was unaddressed and unmailed and on which was printed the following:

"CONTEMPORARY BOOKS
invites you to hear
Mr. ROBERT GWATHMEY
of the Art Faculty of the Carnegie Inst. of Technology
who will speak on "ART & SOCIETY" on Sunday Nov. 3
at 8 p.m. at Contemporary Books. Admission 20¢

440 Wood St.
Pittsburgh-Penna.
second floor"

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u
Confidential Informant [T-11] stated subject was advertised by means of a "throw away" as the speaker on Art at a meeting held February 15, 1942, at the Contemporary Book Shop and entitled, "Round Table Discussion on the Artists and This War."

Miss HELEN D. SPUHLER, 1525 Beechview Avenue, clerk, City of Pittsburgh Registration of Voters, City County Building, made available her records concerning subject which revealed that subject was a registered Democrat; that his residence began in the state of Pennsylvania in 1927; and that his residence began within this voting district in 1939.

Two individuals were contacted concerning subject with negative results and are being designated as [Confidential Informant T-12] u

u & [Confidential Informant T-13] advised in substance, the same concerning subject as did other contacts and added that subject and his wife were not known to belong to any church or any other organizations; that they entertained small groups of people at their home but not so frequently as to be out of the ordinary; that during peace times they had parties at which there was some drinking but never any evidence of excessive drinking; that their friends and associates were not known to informant.

[Confidential Informant T-14] was contacted and advised in substance, the same concerning subject and furnished in addition the following information:

u Subject and his wife were known [to T-14] for approximately a year and a half until approximately May 1, 1942, when the GWATHMEYS left Pittsburgh for Richmond, Virginia. The GWATHMEYS were likeable and had a great many friends of whom the closest were Professor SAM ROSENBERG, Assistant Professor at Carnegie Tech, whose residence is 340 Coltart Avenue, and Professor RUSSELL and Mrs. LORENE TWIGGS. [According to T-14] the most noticeable characteristic of the subject is his lack of prejudice of any kind. On many occasions subject would make the statement that the average person is very anti-Semitic. [T-14] stated that subject and his wife would have parties frequently but not so often as once each week; that those in attendance were unknown with the exception of the ROSENBERGS and the TWIGGS.

u & [T-14] stated subject was frequently engaged in political arguments; that he was well read, liberal, and on the side of labor; that he favored a kind of Socialism. On one occasion subject and his wife had as a dinner guest a soldier from the Logan Armory, this in line with the program suggested by the U. S. O. of helping to entertain the men in service.

u & [T-14] stated that subject and his wife were interested in Russian war relief; that they attended the meeting sponsored by Russian war relief

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at the Syria Mosque in April, 1942 at which Lord MORLEY and Madam LITVINOFF spoke; that subsequent to this meeting subject and his wife gave a dinner at their home for Russian war relief attended by approximately thirty people, the proceeds of which, according to [T-14] u went to the Russian War Relief Fund.

u & [T-14] stated that on one occasion, in answer to the direct question, "Do you believe one hundred per cent in Communism?" subject had answered, "I do".

u & [T-14] stated that in his opinion subject, although a Communist, is not subversive in any respect nor has subject ever been heard to make any criticism of the United States Government but rather embraces the idea of Communism from the intellectual standpoint.

u & [T-14] advised further that ROSALIE GWATHMEY was not politically minded. Subject wielded a considerable amount of influence over his wife.

Miss MARIE FLYNN, clerk, Credit Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Building, made her records available to agent and these revealed the following information:

Subject enjoyed favorable credit and business reputation, no further financial resources being indicated in addition to those named above. Subject previously resided in New York City at 128 East 19th Street from October, 1938 to September, 1939. It was noted that at one time the occupation of subject was given as "special work". Income of subject while employed as instructor of Art at Beaver College, Jenkintown, Pa., was given as approximately \$3,000. The previous occupation of his wife was given as student at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pa. It was noted that subject possessed a bank account on January 27, 1938 at the Providence Trust Company, Philadelphia.

The following description of subject was obtained from [T-2] u records of the Voters Registration Commission, records of Carnegie Institute of Technology, and contacts:

Age:	39
Born:	January 24, 1903 at Richmond, Va.
Height:	6'
Weight:	175
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Brown, partly bald

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Eyes:	Hazel
Complexion:	Light
Scars:	None
Glasses:	Wears glasses occasionally
Residence:	5712 Howe Street, Pittsburgh, from Oct., 1939 to May, 1942, then 3217 West Grace Street, Richmond, Va.
Occupation:	Artist and instructor of painting and drawing.
Marital status:	Married at Alexandria, Va. Sept. 2, 1935
Race:	White
Nationality:	American
Citizenship:	United States
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Serial No.:	650
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Order No.:	10,708
Relatives:	Wife- ROSALIE, age 33, same address; son-CHARLES, age 4, same address; father- deceased; mother, name unknown, address 3712 West Grace St., Richmond, Va.
Education:	High school, place unknown; North Carolina States College of Business Administration, Raleigh, N. C.; Maryland Institute of Art, Baltimore, Md., Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. EDMUND BISHOP, Allegheny County Detective Bureau, and Patrolman J. E. O'CONNOR, Bertillon Division, Pittsburgh Police Department, advised their records were searched with negative results as to any criminal record of subject.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE BALTIMORE FIELD DIVISION

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Will obtain record of subject at the Maryland Institute of Art which subject attended from 1924 to 1925.

THE CHARLOTTE FIELD DIVISION

AT RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Will obtain college record of subject at the North Carolina State College of Business Administration which subject attended from 1923 to 1924.

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Will, upon receipt of report from Richmond Field Division containing name and address of mother-in-law of subject, determine activities and associates of subject while in Charlotte. It is noted that subject stated he spent part of the summer of 1942 with his wife's family in Charlotte.

THE NEW YORK CITY FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will determine activities and associates of subject from October, 1938 to September, 1939, during which period the occupation of subject was listed as "special work" on credit report and residence address was listed as 128 East 19th Street.

Will, at Cooner Union, 4th Avenue and 8th Street, conduct investigation incident to present employment, activities, and associates.

THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Will obtain record of subject at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts which subject attended from 1925 to 1929. It is noted that the credit report stated wife of subject was also a student at this institution.

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Will examine bank account which subject maintained on January 27, 1938 at the Providence Trust Company. Information that subject earned approximately \$3,000 while employed at Beaver College is noted in credit report.

Will determine activities of subject between 1929 and 1932.

AT JENKINSTOWN, PA. (Montgomery County)

Will obtain record and determine activities and associates of subject while employed at Beaver College from 1932 to 1938.

Will determine whether subject was active in organizing the W. P. A. in 1937 as alleged by T-6. ~~U~~

THE RICHMOND FIELD DIVISION

AT ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Will obtain maiden name of subject's wife whom subject married at Alexandria, Va. on November 2, 1935 [as obtained from T-2, ~~U~~] and transmit this information to the Charlotte Field Division to expedite investigation at Charlotte.

AT RICHMOND, VA.

Will obtain early background, education, and reputation of subject and subject's family.

Will determine activities and associates of subject during part of the summer of 1942. It is noted that subject stated his address was changed in May of 1942 to 3217 West Grace Street, Richmond, telephone number 6-7819.

THE PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION

AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

Will, upon receipt of authority from the Bureau, send all pertinent material to New York City Field Division and make the New York Field Division the office of origin.

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T-1 is [redacted]

[redacted] as reported in Section 6 of report of Special Agent E. L. BOYLE, dated at Pittsburgh, Pa., March 27, 1942, entitled, "Communist Party, United States of America (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania District #5)."

T-2 is the subject's file at Local Draft Board #7, 28th Engine House, corner of Filbert and Elmer Streets, Pittsburgh, made available by [redacted]

T-3 is [redacted]

[redacted] who advised, in substance, the same concerning the subject. It is noted that [redacted] recommended Professor GLEN DINNING KEEBLE and WILFORD READIO as reliable and patriotic citizens.

T-4 is [redacted]

T-5 is [redacted]

T-6 is [redacted]

[redacted] whose information was contained in the report of Special Agent E. L. BOYLE, dated at Pittsburgh, Pa., March 27, 1941, entitled, "Communist Party, United States of America (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania District #5)".

T-7 is photo-record prints of letters mailed from the Federation for Constitutional Rights of western Pennsylvania as contained in the report of Special Agent E. L. BOYLE, dated at Pittsburgh, Pa., November 14, 1942, bearing the title of this organization.

T-8 is photo-record copy of mailing list of Contemporary Book Shop, an exhibit under Pittsburgh File reference 97-21-11 as contained in report of Special Agent E. L. BOYLE, dated at Pittsburgh, Pa., October 13, 1942, entitled, "The Contemporary Book Shop".

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T-9 is [REDACTED]

T-10 is report of Special Agent E. L. BOYLE, dated at Pittsburgh, Pa.,
October 13, 1942, entitled, "The Contemporary Book Shop".

T-11 is "Throw Away", an exhibit under Pittsburgh file reference 97-21-7
as in report of Special Agent E. L. BOYLE, dated at Pittsburgh,
Pa., October 13, 1942, entitled, "The Contemporary Book Shop."

T-12 is [REDACTED]

T-13 is [REDACTED]

T-14 is [REDACTED]

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File No. 100-1146

Report made at PITTSBURGH, PA.	Date 12/16/42	Period 7/27-29; 8/11, 25; 11/30/42	Report made by WILLIAM W. REYNOLDS
Title ROBERT GWATHMEY			Character INTERNAL SECURITY-C CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Synopsis of Facts: Subject, born January 24, 1903, at Richmond, Virginia. Attended North Carolina State College of Business Administration, Maryland Institute of Art, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Employed Beaver College, Jenkinstown, Pa. 1923 to 1938. Engaged in "special work" 1938 to 1939 at New York City. Employed as art instructor Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh 1939 to 1942. Presently employed Cooper Union, New York City. Informant stated subject, although not employed at W. P. A. project, held Communist dominated meetings of union attempting to organize project. Meetings also held at home of two Communist Party members, attended by subject as active member of union and organizer. Contact stated subject a member of Associated Artists of Pittsburgh and a Communist sympathizer. Subject received mail from Federation of Constitutional Rights in Western Pennsylvania, a Communist front organization, and was on the mailing list of the Contemporary Book Shop, official Communist Party book store, Pittsburgh, where subject lectured on at least two occasions. No criminal record, Description set forth. *CU*

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
December 16, 1942

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DATE 9/10/84 **BY** SP7 MAC/6CL

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: ROBERT GWATHMEY
INTERNAL SECURITY-C
CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent WILLIAM W. REYNOLDS, dated at Pittsburgh, Pa., December 16, 1942, wherein it is set forth that subject has left the Pittsburgh Field Division and is presently employed in New York City.

In view of this fact, it is respectfully requested that the Bureau grant authority to change the office of origin from the Pittsburgh Field Division to the New York Field Division.

Yours truly,

J. E. Thornton
J. E. THORNTON
Special Agent in Charge

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cc New York

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DATE 9/10/82 BY SP7MAE/GCL

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ROBERT WHITNEY
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)
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Mr. Nichols

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Tracy

Mr. Carson

Mr. Coffey

Mr. Hendon

Mr. Kramer

Mr. McGuire

Mr. Quinn Tamm

Mr. Nease

Miss Gandy

Reference is made to your letter dated December 16, 1942, in the captioned matter requesting that the New York Field Division be designated as the office of origin in this case.

It is desired that the Pittsburgh Field Division be considered as the office of origin until the residence of the subject in the New York Field Division has been verified.

cc - New York
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

FILE NO. **100-7593**

REPORT MADE AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	DATE WHEN MADE 1/26/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/30/42 1/8, 9/43	REPORT MADE BY DANIEL F. O'CONNOR :AEL
TITLE ROBERT GWATHMEY			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY-C CUSTODIAL DETENTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject attended Maryland Institute of Art 1925-1926 term. Former instructors know of no derogatory information.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent WILLIAM W. REYNOLDS, dated December 16, 1942, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

DETAILS:

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

MR. N. S. SMULL, registrar of the Maryland Institute of Art, West Lanvale and Mount Royal Avenue, advised that the subject attended the Saturday school of the Institute and the night school for the school term 1925-1926. He studied cast drawings in the night school and his grade was A plus. He also studied costume modeling in the Saturday school and his grade was B plus.

Professor WALDEMAR DIETRICK, 347 North Charles Street, taught the subject in cast drawing. Professor DIETRICK recalled him clearly and said he was an outstanding young man and very talented and had promise of an excellent future. He advised that he left the Maryland Institute to study in Philadelphia and that he has had no contact with him since that

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 100-171543-3 RECEIVED RECORDS DIV JAN 28 1943
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time. He also advised that he has had no news of him one way or the other. He stated he did not know his family background but believed he came from an old family in Virginia. He said he was at all times a perfect gentleman and was of the opinion that his family background would militate against any subversive tendencies on his part. He had no knowledge of his personal habits during his attendance at the school nor did he know who his associates were.

Professor HENRY A. ROBEN, head of the Fine Art Department of the Maryland Institute of Art, advised he taught subject in costume modeling. He stated that he left the Maryland Institute to go to Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia. ROBEN said that he has not been in contact with him since his leaving school. He stated that he is a good student and that he was at all times a gentleman and he had no knowledge of his personal habits, knew nothing of his associates and his family background. He did say that he seemed to come from an old Virginia family. He stated he did not seem to be the type of person who would be inclined to any subversive activities against the best interests of the United States.

Since all logical leads have been covered in the Baltimore Field Division, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

FILE NO. 100-7593

REPORT MADE AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	DATE WHEN MADE 1/26/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/30/42 1/8,9/43	REPORT MADE BY DANIEL F. O'CONNOR	:AEL
TITLE ROBERT GWATHMEY			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY-C CUSTODIAL DETENTION	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject attended Maryland Institute of Art 1925-1926 term. Former instructors know of no derogatory information.				
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ON <u>9/10/81</u> - RUC -				
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent WILLIAM W. REYNOLDS, dated December 16, 1942, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.				
DETAILS: <u>AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND</u>				
MR. N. S. SMULL, registrar of the Maryland Institute of Art, West Lanvale and Mount Royal Avenue, advised that the subject attended the Saturday school of the Institute and the night school for the school term 1925-1926. He studied cast drawings in the night school and his grade was A plus. He also studied costume modeling in the Saturday school and his grade was B plus. Professor WALDEMAR DIETRICK, 347 North Charles Street, taught the subject in cast drawing. Professor DIETRICK recalled him clearly and said he was an outstanding young man and very talented and had promise of an excellent future. He advised that he left the Maryland Institute to study in Philadelphia and that he has had no contact with him since that				
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Report Made At CHARLOTTE, N. C. Date When Made 2-5-43 Period For Which Made 1-5-43 Report Made By ARTHUR T. FORD, JR. fls

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ROBERT GWATHMEY
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject attended North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N.C.; Business Administration Course, 9-19-24 to 6-5-25; received average grades. College records indicate Mother as Mrs. E. M. GWATHMEY, Richmond, Va. Subject attended John Marshall High School, Richmond, Va. Birth date listed as 1-24-03, place not listed. Subject attended only one term; records contain no reason for not returning the following term. No record of attendance or deportment.

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CHARLOTTE, N. C.	2-5-43	1-5-43	ARTHUR T. FORD, JR. fls
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

FILE NO. **100-1586 FH**

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA	DATE WHEN MADE 2-1-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/19, 20, 21/22/43	REPORT MADE BY PETER D. BURGESS
TITLE ROBERT GWATHMEY DECLASSIFIED BY <u>SP7 MAC/600</u>			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY-C CUSTODIAL DETENTION
ON <u>9/10/81</u> SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <i>6</i> <i>cc - D/R - BFR</i> <i>11-7-51 - qb</i> Subject attended Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts October 1926 to May 1930 receiving two terms of free tuition and two \$1100 scholarships. Taught drawing at Temple University 1930 to 1933, was instructor at Beaver College, Jenkintown from 1933 to 1938, at which time he was discharged by college. Left Beaver College to teach Carnegie Tech., Pittsburgh. Presently in New York City. - R U C -			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent WILLIAM W. REYNOLDS dated 12-16-42 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania			
DETAILS: APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE Confidential Source #1 stated that subject was brought up by enlightened middle class people of Richmond, Virginia. Source A stated that the subject is over-impressionable out of sympathy to the people less fortunate than he. Subject's life has been difficult and he has had to struggle constantly. Source A stated that subject's political opinion is "definitely to the left" and that he voted in one election for NORMAN THOMAS. Source A further stated that subject is receiving outside income through his wife who is of some means. Source A stated that subject attended the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts from 1927 to June 1930 where he studied painting. Subject taught at Temple University between 1930 and 1933 in the same section as source A was at that time employed, in the Evening Technical School. This consisted of classes one night each week in drawing and architecture.			
APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE FORWARDED: <i>J. F. Sears Jr</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 100 - 171542 - 5 RECORDED INDEXED 15 FEB 8 1943 RECEIVED	
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During this interval, subject painted in the day time and was occupied with few outside interests. He lived in a rooming house with other students or ex-students.

In 1933 Source A stated he secured a position at Beaver College for the subject, where subject stayed until 1938. Following this, source A advised, he was offered a job at Carnegie Tech. at Pittsburgh, which he turned down and recommended that it be given to the subject. Subject was offered and accepted this position, and stayed at Carnegie Tech. until June 1942. Subject is now living in New York and teaching at Coopers Union.

Source A stated that subject possesses same type of political beliefs as most other artists. He did not go into further detail in this connection, although Source A does not believe the subject was ever a member of the Communist Party. He stated that subject had been mixed up with the Artists Union in Philadelphia which had some connection with the WPA, although he was not clear about subject's activities in this connection, but did state he did not believe subject had ever been on the WPA payroll.

Source A advised that the course taught by subject at Temple University was loosely organized affair, that the instructors names did not appear on the University's regular catalogue, and there would probably be no record of either his or subject's having taught there inasmuch as it was only one night a week at night school.

Miss R. JENKINS, Secretary, Registrar's Office, Temple University, searched the payroll records and employees list both present and past without finding any record of the subject.

Miss S. MORTIMER, Secretary to Mr. C. E. METZGER, Evening Technical and War Training section, Temple University, likewise could find no record of the subject.

Confidential Source B made the following information concerning subject available. On July 10, 1933 contract was mailed to the subject life sketch, elementary drawing and perspective. On July 10, 1933 GEORGE HARDING, 128 N. Broad Street wrote a letter of recommendation to Beaver College in which he stated he had high regard for the subject, that the subject's personality and ability are of the highest, and that his acquaintanceship originated when subject was a student at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.

On October 1, 1937 subject received a raise amounting to \$180 per year. On July 20, 1933 subject wrote a letter to Beaver College in which he stated he was at that time 30 years of age, that he spent one year of academic study at North Carolina State, one year at Maryland Institute, entered Pennsylvania

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Academy of Fine Arts October 1925 where he studied for four years and won two scholarships for travel and study in Europe, and became instructor in drawing for Temple University Night School.

Subject married ROSALIE HOOK of Alexandria, Virginia on November 2, 1935 at which time subject was living at 2119 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

On June 9, 1938 the subject's services at Beaver College were terminated by WALTER B. GREENWAY, President. GREENWAY stated: "The report was brought to the office recently that you had taken a couple of seniors from the Art Department to New York and in your presence they were at a drinking place and drinking. I have investigated and found this to be true. This conduct is not loyal to the college, hence the termination of your services."

On June 13, 1938 subject replied to Beaver College: "The charges are true. The three girls wishing to further pursue their study had approached me regarding New York Art Schools. We had decided that Saturday would be best and at the same time we could carry two canvasses of Mr. SPRUANCE and myself for a current exhibition. Miss RUTH WILLIAMS accompanied us and went directly to her guardian where we were to call for her after dinner. We spent the remainder of the day visiting few art schools.....We went to Witney Museum. In this immediate neighborhood is the Lafayette which is quite a rendezvous of some of our most prominent artists, and we went there hoping that some of these painters might be on hand and I would be able to single them out. We all had a cocktail and while one of the girls did not pretend to finish hers another girl would have two. From here we went to dinner, then to get RUTH WILLIAMS, where she bid goodbye to her guardian and from there directly to the college."

On August 24, 1938 Mrs. MADELINE GATES, Case Supervisor, New York Emergency Relief Bureau, District Office #2, 208 E. 23rd Street, New York City, the letter apparently being written by a Mr. B. A. SINGER, made inquiry in connection with verifying subject's address, period of employment and salary.

WALTER B. GREENWAY, former President of Beaver College is now deceased.

Confidential Source C furnished the following information concerning the subject. He attended Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts October, 1926 to May 1930. His home address is 3217 W. Grace Street, Richmond, Virginia; his Philadelphia address, 1621 Race Street, 1729 Vine Street, 2119 Pine Street. He received two terms full free tuition, received two \$1100 scholarships to study art. Subject born January 24, 1903 Richmond, Virginia; attended North Carolina State one year; attended Maryland Institute one year. Subject's father not living, mother, EVA M. GWATHMEY, living 3217 W. Grace Street, Richmond, Virginia. Subject's present address is 240 N. 14th Street, New York City.

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Confidential Source D stated that subject maintained a joint account with ROSALIE HOOK ~~X~~ GWATHMEY between November 27, 1935 and October 22, 1938 at Providence Trust Company, Philadelphia.

The following information concerning deposits and balance of this account was obtained:

	<u>DATES</u>	<u>DEPOSITS</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Account opened	11-7-35	\$1,100	
	11-15-35	15	\$968.13
	12-11-35	175	686.18
	1 -7 -36	150	413.49
	2 -3 -36	75	337.54
	2-15 -36	100	373.96
	2-29-36	75	342.76
	3-16-36	100	336.50
	4-3-36	83.25	380.99
	9-1-36	55	341.56
	9-21-36	25	210.26
	10-1-37	100	303.70
	11-2-36	50	250.35
	11-4-36	110	351.53
	12-1-36	105.05	325.78

In addition to the above deposits there were numerous withdrawals at various amounts.

Source D stated that subsequent to December 1936 the ledger sheets were photographed on micro-film and stated it would require a great deal of effort to secure the subsequent ledger sheets inasmuch as they were filed by date for a short period and following that they were filed by month.

Unless Office of Origin desires more detailed statement as to bank account, source D will not be requested, at this time, to secure this information.

The following is a resume of information obtained from the confidential files of the Pennsylvania Motor Police, obtained by Special Agent C. A. GANNON at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in January, 1941. This information was furnished to the Pennsylvania Motor Police by their confidential informants and is believed to be reliable.

Member ~~X~~ Communist Party believed to be assigned to Artists' Unit, being a member of the ~~X~~ Artists' Union and believed to be on the Board of Directors. Very active in latter organization.

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THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will contact Mrs. MADELINE GATES or Mr. B. R. SINGER, Case Supervisor, city of New York Emergency Relief Bureau, District Office #2, 208 E. 23rd Street for information concerning subject which may appear in their records.

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Attended Philadelphia Workers School regularly, 1938, studied Historical Materialism.

Age:	35
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	165 lbs.
Hair:	Brown; thin in front
Nationality:	English born; has English accent
Occupation:	Artist
Marital Status:	Married.

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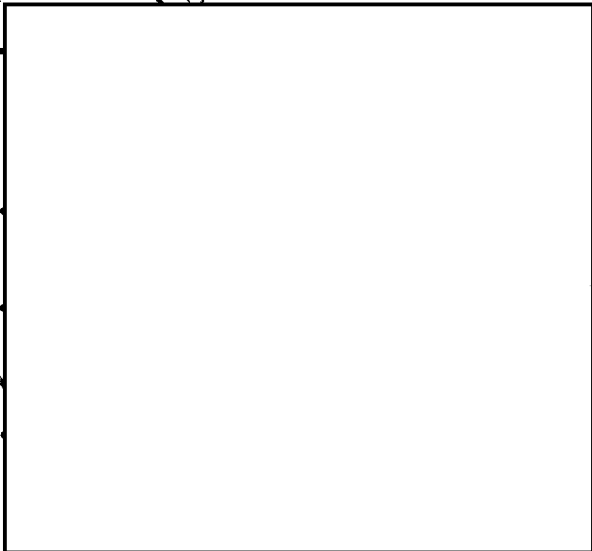
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Source of Information C

Source of Information D



It is to be noted that [redacted] requested that his name be kept in strictest confidence.

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FILE NO. **100-1586 PH**

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TITLE ROBERT GWATHMEY			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY-C CUSTODIAL DEFENSE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent WILLIAM W. REYNOLDS dated 12-16-42 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

DETAILS:

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FILE NO. 100-5825

REPORT MADE AT Richmond, Virginia	DATE WHEN MADE 1-31-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-6-43	REPORT MADE BY JAMES W. DOMINEAU JWD:VG
TITLE ROBERT GWATHMEY		APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF <u>declass</u>	CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C CUSTODIAL DETENTION
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: DATE <u>9-29-81</u> Marriage records at Alexandria, Va. reflect subject married ROSALIE D. HOOK, 423 E. Mercheod Street, Charlotte, N. C.			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent WILLIAM W. REYNOLDS, Pittsburgh, Pa., dated December 16, 1942.			
DETAILS: <u>At ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:</u> Miss HANNAH SHEPPARD of the Clerk of Court's Office, Alexandria, Virginia, produced the marriage records for November 2, 1935. These records reflected the subject on instant date married ROSALIE D. HOOK of 423 E. Mercheod Street, Charlotte, N. C.; that she was 27 years of age and her father's name was CHARLES and her mother was IDA. <i>X Swathmey</i>			
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RICHMOND OFFICE

At RICHMOND, VIRGINIA:

- * Will obtain early background, education, and reputation of subject and subject's family.
- * Will determine activities and associates of subject during part of the summer of 1942. It is noted that subject stated his address was changed in May of 1942 to 3217 West Grace Street, Richmond, telephone 6-7819.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 4/2/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/23, 25; 3/2, 3, 15/43	REPORT MADE BY G. STUART HANDY
TITLE ROBERT GWATHMEY	APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DECLASS		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (C) CUSTODIAL DETENTION
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ROBERT GWATHMEY presently residing at 240 West 16 Street, N.Y.C.. Employed as part-time instructor in art at Cooper Union, N.Y.C. but due to curtailment in curriculum, his contract will probably not be renewed. Information from the New York City Department of Welfare pertaining to the subject set out. SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent William W. Reynolds dated at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania December 16, 1942. DETAILS: The records of the New York Department of Welfare as produced by Miss MASON of the Legal Department, reflects that the subject was born January 24, 1903 at Richmond, Virginia and that he attended the John Marshall High School there where he graduated. He worked for three years on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad as a car attendant, starting at \$87 a month and advancing to \$110. He then attended the Maryland Art Institute in Baltimore, Maryland from 1925 to 1929. After this course he attended the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During this latter part of schooling, he worked as a handy man in the settlement house (presumably in Philadelphia) at \$70 per month, and also as a handy man and outliner three nights a week on the "Philadelphia Inquirer" earning \$30 a month. In 1929 the subject received a thousand dollar scholarship from the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts which was donated and used as a fund for art students to visit continental museums. As a result of this scholarship, he toured Europe in 1929 and 1930, returning to Philadelphia where he remained until 1932. In this last year the subject went to			
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Richmond, Virginia where he was the art instructor in cast drawing at the Temple University Night School, earning approximately \$30 per month.

In the fall of 1933, according to the records of the Department of Welfare, he began working at Beaver College, Jenkinstown, Pennsylvania where he remained until June 1, 1938. The subject during this period of time earned about \$1100 per year. In June of 1938 he was dismissed because he came to New York with three girl students of the above mentioned college to visit museums and to point out famous artists in metropolitan hotels in New York City. After losing his position at Beaver College, the subject attempted unsuccessfully to obtain a position at the Queens-Chiroma College in Charlotte, North Carolina.

He then went to New York City where he had difficulty in finding employment and because of this applied for relief through the Department of Welfare, New York City. He was given temporary relief from this agency but there was some question as to whether he was entitled to receive this relief, inasmuch as he was unable to establish his local residence in New York City for a sufficient period of time to entitle him to the relief.

Investigation conducted by the Department of Welfare reflects that the subject registered to vote with the Registration Commission, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on March 25, 1939, September 3, 1936, and May 17, 1938. In all three of these registrations the subject listed as his residence address 2119 Pine Street. However, it is noted that the subject did not register with the Registration Commission in Philadelphia for the year 1937. According to the information developed by the Department of Welfare, New York City, the subject's former residence addresses were:

142 East 16 Street for the years 1937 and 1938;
2119 Pine Street, Philadelphia, from September, 1935 to January, 1937;
1914 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from September, 1933 to September, 1935.

The subject was said to have visited and lived with one NIKOLAS MARSICHANO at the Pine Street address. It is understood that he also studied with this individual while they were both students of the Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

On September 15, 1938 the subject wrote the Department of Welfare requesting that his case be placed in a closed status, inasmuch as he received private employment and was therefore no longer entitled to relief from New York City. However, in this letter he failed to state whom his employer was.

Miss E. CARBON of Cooper Union, Fourth Avenue and Eighth St

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Street, advised that the subject has been employed since September 15, 1942 by Cooper Union as a part-time instructor in the School of Art. She stated further that he teaches one night a week for three hours and receives approximately \$30 per month for his services. She stated further that her records indicate he is residing at 240 West 16 Street, New York City. Miss CARBON advised, however, that it is questionable whether the subject's contract will be renewed when it expires in May of this year, due to the curtailment of curriculum of Cooper Union. Miss CARBON suggested that GUY CLARK, dean of the Art School, be contacted in connection with the subject's employment at Cooper Union.

Inquiry at 142 East 16 Street, New York City and 128 East 19 Street which addresses were listed in the report of Special Agent William W. Reynolds dated December 16, 1942 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania both met with negative results, the last mentioned address being that of a private home which has been resided in by the same family for the last twenty years.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY

Will contact confidential sources available to this office in an effort to determine whether they have any knowledge or information concerning the subject's alleged Communist activities.

Will also consider the advisability of contacting GUY CLARK, dean of the Art School at Cooper Union for any information in his possession concerning ROBERT GWATHMEY.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PITTSBURGH, PA.**

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Report of Special Agent William W. Reynolds dated at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania December 16, 1942.

DETAILS:

The records of the New York Department of Welfare as produced by Miss MASON of the Legal Department, reflects that the subject was born January 24, 1903 at Richmond, Virginia and that he attended the John Marshall High School there where he graduated. He worked for three years on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad as a car attendant, starting at \$87 a month and advancing to \$110. He then attended the Maryland Art Institute in Baltimore, Maryland from 1925 to 1929. After this course he attended the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During this latter part of schooling, he worked as a handy man in the settlement house (presumably in Philadelphia) at \$70 per month, and also as a handy man and outliner three nights a week on the "Philadelphia Inquirer" earning \$30 a month.

In 1929 the subject received a thousand dollar scholarship from the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts which was donated and used as a fund for art students to visit continental museums. As a result of this scholarship, he toured Europe in 1929 and 1930, returning to Philadelphia where he remained until 1932. In this last year the subject went to

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PITTSBURGH, PA.**

FILE NO. **100-5825**

REPORT MADE AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	DATE WHEN MADE 4-7-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-20, 30-43	REPORT MADE BY JOHN WESLEY LEWIS JWL:GTC
TITLE ROBERT GWATHMEY			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C CUSTODIAL DETENTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP(S) OF DATE **9-29-81** **DECLASS** **774**

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent JAMES W. DOMINEAU dated 1-31-43 at Richmond, Virginia.

DETAILS:

AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA:

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Department of Health and the Bureau of Vital Statistics for the City of Richmond were checked for the name of the subject with negative results.

Miss NELLIE HENSON, registrar, John Marshall High School, advised that her records reflect that ROBERT GWATHMEY was born January 24, 1903 at Manchester, Virginia and that his mother's name was Mrs. EVA M. GWATHMEY, 3217 W. Grace Street,

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Richmond, Virginia. This record reflects that the subject entered John Marshall High School, February 1, 1918 and attended until June, 1922. He made poor grades and at the time he left school, he lacked a few credits required for graduation. His record was certified to North Carolina College in 1924.

Miss HENSON stated that the record reflects that the subject was a mischievous boy while at John Marshall High School, but that he had no serious trouble there. Miss HENSON further advised that she is acquainted with the subject and the subject's family. She advised that ROBERT GWATHMEY has taught art at Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh and that he is presently teaching art in New York City. She said she did not know whether or not he is connected with a school in New York. According to Miss HENSON, ROBERT GWATHMEY's father died while ROBERT was very young. She stated she did not know the date of his death, but that the subject's father was dead at the time the subject entered John Marshall High School in 1918. She said that ROBERT was a spoiled child at the time he was at John Marshall High School and she attributed this to the fact that he resided with his mother and three sisters. She advised that the subject's mother was formerly a school teacher who was killed in an automobile accident about two years ago. She stated that one of the subject's sisters was killed several years ago by falling from a horse and that his other two sisters presently reside in the home formerly maintained by the mother, Mrs. EVA GWATHMEY at 3217 W. Grace Street. According to Miss HENSON the GWATHMEY family enjoys a very good reputation in Richmond. She stated that one of the subject's sisters, IDA CARRINGTON GWATHMEY, was formerly Secretary to the late Dr. CLIFTON MILLER at Stuart Circle Hospital and that she is presently Secretary to another Doctor at the same hospital. According to Miss HENSON the subject has not made his home in Richmond for many years and has only been in Richmond for the purpose of making short visits with his sisters. She stated that the subject is married and has one child.

Mrs. CELIA STEARN, Clerk, Retail Merchants Association, Central National Bank Building, made available the records on the GWATHMEY family. The record for Mrs. EVA M. GWATHMEY, 3217 W. Grace Street, reflects the following newspaper clipping published June, 1941:

"Funeral services for Mrs. Eva Harrison Gwathmey, widow of Robert Gwathmey, died as a result of an automobile accident. Mrs. Gwathmey was a member of an old and widely related family in this State and was the daughter of the late Captain William F. Harrison and Maria Cosby Harrison. She was for a number of years a teacher in the public schools of Manchester. She is survived by two daughters, the Misses Katherine and Ida Carrington Gwathmey of Richmond, a son, Robert Gwathmey of Pittsburgh; a sister, Mrs. R. B. Carrington and a grandson, Charles Gwathmey."

Another newspaper clipping in this record reflects that Mrs. GWATHMEY left an estate valued at \$7,065.

The records of the Retail Merchants Association further reflects that KATHERINE GWATHMEY is a stenographer for the A.M. Pullen Co. and that IDA CARRINGTON GWATHMEY is Secretary to Dr. CLIFTON MILLER.

The Retail Merchants Association has no record for ROBERT GWATHMEY.

The subject's name was checked through the files of the Richmond Police Department with negative results.

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United States Department of Justice
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
April 12, 1943

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DATE 9/11/81 **BY** SP7 MAC/GCL

Director, FBI

RE: ROBERT GWATHMEY
CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau letter of January 7, 1943 wherein the Pittsburgh Field Division was advised that the New York Field Division could not be designated as the Office of Origin until the residence of Subject in the district covered by the New York Field Division had been verified.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent G. STUART HANDY, dated April 2, 1943 at New York City, wherein it will be noted that the Subject is indicated as presently residing at 240 West 16th Street, New York City.

In view of the fact that the Subject is now apparently living in the district covered by the New York Field Division, the Bureau is again respectfully requested to designate the New York Field Division as the Office of Origin in instant case.

Very truly yours,

H. K. Johnson
H. K. JOHNSON
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cc: New York

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Special Agent in Charge
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Re:

ROBERT CRATHAM
CUSTODIAL DETENTION - C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 12, 1943
requesting that the division of origin be changed in the above en-
titled case.

You are hereby authorized to designate New York
as the division of origin.

Upon receipt of this communication, you are requested to
carefully check your file and make certain that the new division of
origin has all serials in the case containing important data.

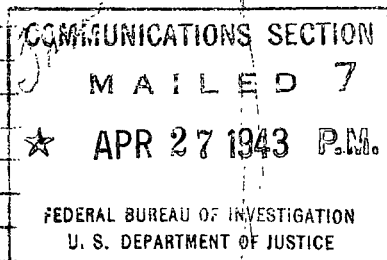
Very truly yours,

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Director

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United States Department of Justice**

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
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Director, FBI

Re: ROBERT GWATHMEY
CUSTODIAL DETENTION - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of April 27, 1943 (Bureau file 100-171543) authorizing the changing of office of origin in the above-entitled case to New York.

The following reports are being forwarded to the New York Office with a copy of instant letter:

Report of Special Agent DANIEL F.
O'CONNOR dated at Baltimore 1-26-43.

Report of Special Agent JAMES W.
DOMINEAU dated at Richmond 1-31-43.

Report of Special Agent ARTHUR T.
FORD JR. dated at Charlotte 2-5-43.

Report of Special Agent JOHN WESLEY
LEWIS dated at Richmond 4-7-43.

A review of the Pittsburgh file in this case reflects that the New York Office is presently in possession of all pertinent serials concerning the subject. As there are no further leads to be covered by the Pittsburgh Field Division, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

H. K. Johnson
H. K. JOHNSON
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NY FILE NO. 100-42001 CG

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, N.Y.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/19/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/8, 14, 8/12; 11/22/43	REPORT MADE BY HARVEY E. RATH
TITLE ROBERT GWATHMEY			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

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DETAILS:

SUBJECT'S ADDRESS

DATE 9-29-81
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Residence Address - 240 West 14th Street
New York City

Business Address - Cooper Union Institute
New York City

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CITIZENSHIP STATUS

Subject was born January 24, 1903 at Manchester, Virginia;
Nationalistic tendency - Communist.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *E. J. Conroy*
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The subject was graduated from John Marshall High School in Richmond, Virginia in June, 1922. His parents are dead but two sisters reside in Richmond and enjoy a good reputation. Subject attended North Carolina State College and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts from 1924 to 1930. From 1930 to 1933 he was a drawing instructor at Temple University and from 1933 to 1938 he was an instructor at Beaver College, Jenkinstown, Pennsylvania. From 1939 to 1942 he was a painting instructor at Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh and from 1942 until the present he has been an art instructor at Cooper Union Institute in New York City. On November 2, 1935 he became married to ROSALIE HOOK, of Alexandria, Virginia. The subject is registered with Local Board No. 7, Pittsburgh, Pa. and is classified 3-A.

COMMUNISTIC AFFILIATIONS

U [According to Confidential Informant T-1] the subject has openly avowed his Communist sympathies. It is not known by this informant whether the subject is a member of the Communist Party nor is this informant acquainted with any Communist activities engaged in by the subject. This informant advised that the subject has given lectures on art on at least two occasions at the Contemporary Book Shop, dated unknown, and in the spring of 1942, MRS. ROSALIE GWATHMEY, the subject's wife, was understood to have exhibited a collection of photographs at the Contemporary Book Shop. [T-1] said that he knew the subject was a member of the Associated Artists of Pittsburgh but he advised that he has never heard the subject say anything which might be construed as indicative of a lack of patriotism on his part.

U [Confidential informant T-2 reported] that efforts were made by the Workers Alliance and by the Communist Party to organize employees of the WPA art project in Pittsburgh into a union. This informant said that ERNEST WRIGHT and ROBERT BROWN, Pittsburgh Communists, were engaged in this attempt at organizing the WPA. Informant further said that he was invited to attend union meetings at the home of ROBERT GWATHMEY, 5712 Howe Street, Pittsburgh. [Confidential informant] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that ERNEST WRIGHT and ROBERT BROWN were members of the Communist Party but this informant had no knowledge as to whether or not the subject was actually a Party member.

U [Confidential informant T-2 further stated] that he had information concerning 14 people who attended one of the meetings at 4345 Andover Terrace, the home of ERNEST WRIGHT and ROBERT BROWN, at which meeting subject was present as an active member and organizer of the union.

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According to T-2 GWATHMEY was not employed at the WPA art project, but was closely associated with the radical group which was employed on the project. Informant further stated that GWATHMEY had been sent to Philadelphia from New York to organize the WPA in the summer of 1937 and that through his organizational endeavors and by virtue of picketing and by an organized attack of Communist Front organizations they finally forced the resignation of MARY CURRAN then the state director of the WPA. According to T-3 MARY CURRAN stated that she was forced to resign because Communist Party Front organizations prepared petitions urging that she be discharged. T-2 further stated that it was GWATHMEY who signed the cards asking members to attend meetings at ERNEST WRIGHT's home.

From confidential informant T-3 it was revealed that both the subject and his wife in June 1941 received mail from the Federation for Constitutional Rights in Western Pennsylvania, a reported Communist Party organization.

Confidential informant T-4 advised that the subject's name was contained on March 27, 1942 on the mailing list of the Contemporary Book Shop, official Communist Party book store, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

On October 1, 1941 confidential informant T-5 stated that the subject together with RUSSELL TWIGGS and BARBARA LEVETTE were instructors at Carnegie Institute and were in sympathy with the Communist movement and that the subject had delivered a lecture at a Communist meeting, time and place not known.

On April 18, 1942 a post card was received from confidential informant T-6 by the Pittsburgh Field Division, which card was unaddressed and not mailed and on it was the following:

"Contemporary Book invites you to hear Mr. ROBERT GWATHMEY, of the Art Faculty of the Carnegie Institute of Technology who will speak on 'Art in Society' on Sunday November 3 at 8:00 P.M. at Contemporary Books. Admission \$.20, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Second Floor".

Confidential informant T-7 stated that the subject was advertised by means of a throw-away as being a speaker on art at a meeting held February 15, 1942 at the Contemporary Book Shop and entitled, "Round Table Discussion on the Artist and This War."

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u [Confidential informant T-8] stated that the subject and his wife were interested in Russian War Relief and that they attended the meeting sponsored by Russian War Relief at the Syria Mosque in April, 1942 at which LAURA MORLEY and Madam LITVINOFF spoke and that subsequent to this meeting the subject and his wife gave a dinner at their home for Russian War Relief which was attended by approximately 30 persons.

u [Informant T-8] stated that on one occasion, in answer to the direct question, "Do you believe 100% in Communism?" the subject had answered, "I do".

u [Informant T-8] advised that in his opinion the subject, although being a Communist, is not subversive in any respect nor has the subject ever been heard to make any criticism of the United States Government, but rather embraces the idea of Communism from the intellectual standpoint. This informant advised further that ROSALIE GWATHMEY was not politically minded and that the subject wielded considerable influence over her.

u [Confidential informant T-9] advised that the subject possesses the same type of political beliefs as do most other artists. This informant did not go into further detail in this connection although he does not believe that the subject was ever a member of the Communist Party.

The confidential files of the Pennsylvania Motor Police reflect that the subject is listed as a member of the Artists Union of the Communist Party and as having attended the Philadelphia Workers School regularly in 1938 to study historical materialism.

The files of the New York Field Division reflect that in 1941 the subject was a member of the American Artist Communists.

Confidential informants [redacted] were unable to provide any information relative to the subject. u

CONF. INFO. Confidential [redacted] advised that she knew ROSALIE GWATHMEY, subject's wife, having met her on September 22, 1943 at the Photo League. This informant stated that she thinks that ROSALIE GWATHMEY is a member of the Communist Party but that she knows nothing relative to the possible Communist Party connections of the subject.

All investigative leads having been covered this case is being placed in a closed status.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent HARVEY E. RATH dated at New York January 19, 1944 are as follows:

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T-2

[redacted] whose information was contained in the report of Special Agent E. L. BOYLE, dated at Pittsburgh, Pa., March 27, 1941, entitled, "Communist Party, United States of America (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania District #5)".

T-3 Photo-record prints of letters mailed from the Federation for Constitutional Rights of western Pennsylvania as contained in the report of Special Agent E. L. BOYLE, dated at Pittsburgh, Pa., November 14, 1942, bearing the title of this organization.

T-4 Photo-record copy of mailing list of Contemporary Book Shop, an exhibit under Pittsburgh File reference 97-21-11 as contained in report of Special Agent E. L. BOYLE, dated at Pittsburgh, Pa., October 13, 1942, entitled, "The Contemporary Book Shop."

T-5

T-6 Report of Special Agent E. L. BOYLE, dated at Pittsburgh, Pa., October 13, 1942, entitled, "The Contemporary Book Shop".

T-7 "Throw Away", an exhibit under Pittsburgh file reference 97-21-7 as in report of Special Agent E. L. BOYLE, dated at Pittsburgh, Pa., October 13, 1942, entitled, "The Contemporary Book Shop."

T-8

The above informants furnished information as reflected in report of Special Agent WILLIAM W. REYNOLDS dated December 16, 1942 at Pittsburgh.

T-9

[redacted] as reflected by report of Special Agent PETER D. BURGESS dated February 1, 1943 at Philadelphia.

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March 14, 1944

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

RE: SECURITY MATTER

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that a security index card has been prepared at the Bureau, captioned as follows:

GWATHMEY, Robert

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240 West 14th Street
New York, New York (Res.)

Cooper Union Institute
New York, New York (Bus.)

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The above caption should be checked immediately for accuracy against the information contained in your files, and the Bureau should be informed of any discrepancies. You will prepare without delay a 5" x 8" white card captioned as above and reflecting your investigative case file number for filing in your Confidential Security Index Card File. In the event the above caption is not correct, the card you prepare should be correctly captioned, and the Bureau should be informed of the correct caption.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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100-42001

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 17, 1945

FROM : SAC, NYC.

SUBJECT: ROBERT GWATHMEY
SECURITY MATTER - C.
(Bureau file #100-171543)

Cancel

The investigative case file, in addition to all pertinent information contained in the files of the New York Field Division on the above subject, were reviewed and it was determined that the subject was a Communist sympathizer and is listed as a sponsor of the Artists Committee of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, New York City. However, it is not believed that subject is potentially dangerous to the internal security of the United States.

In view of this it is requested that authority be granted to cancel the Security Index Card maintained on this subject.

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SAC, New York

June 1, 1945

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

ROBERT GWATHMEY;
SECURITY MATTER - C

In accordance with your recommendation of May 17, 1945, the Security Index Card on the captioned subject is being cancelled.

The card which has been maintained in your Security Index should be placed in the investigative file.

If additional information is received indicating that the subject is, in fact, dangerous or potentially dangerous, a new recommendation should be made for the preparation of a Security Index Card.

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July 5th, 1951

DATE 9/15/81 BY SP7 MAC/CC

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Director, FBI

Re: ROBERT GWATHMEY
SECURITY MATTER - C

Dear Sir:

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, formerly managing editor of the "Daily Worker" and a Communist Party functionary until he broke with the Party in October, 1945 has been interviewed during the past few months concerning the concealed Communists whom he knew. The person named above as the subject of this case was one of those individuals whom BUDENZ described as a concealed Communist. BUDENZ describes a concealed Communist as one who does not hold himself out as a Communist and who would deny membership in the Party.

BUDENZ advised SA WILLIAM J. MC CARTHY, JR. on June 19th, 1951 of all he knew concerning the subject, that he felt was pertinent, and he dictated this information to a stenographer of this office, who was present during the interview.

He used, in order to bring out all he knew about the subject, the following set of questions. He considered all questions in connection with this subject. Where he did not comment on some particular question as to the activity of the subject, then it is because he had no knowledge. If he recalled anything about the subject as a result of these questions he dictated what he knew. The questions are as follows:

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1. Identify individual
 - a. If observed a description and other identifying data;
 - b. If not seen, enough descriptive data about individual to positively identify him or her;
 - c. Any aliases.
2. Narrate how he knows individual as a Communist
 - a. If seen at a closed meeting get date, place and persons present at meeting;
 - b. If told officially that individual was a Communist, who said it, what were the circumstances, and who was present;
 - c. Relate all occasions when he met or heard of individual as Communist.
3. Documents
 - a. Did individual ever write anything that might be considered Communist literature.
 1. For "Daily Worker", "New Masses", "Political Affairs", and any front publications or other publications.
4. Fronts

Was individual active in front organizations.

 - a. Which organizations
 - b. How active was individual
5. Espionage

Was individual ever involved in secret work;
What work;
Who knew it;
Did individual ever do any special work for party.
6. Is individual still active or sympathetic toward Party.
7. Can you recall any trips abroad particularly to Russia and the approximate date of the trips?
Can you recall the nature of the trips.
8. Did you ever hear that he had attended any of the training schools in Russia?

Letter to Director.

9. Did this subject appear to have entree to the Russian Consulate or did he receive special consideration and attention from known Russian Agents or Communist officials in U.S.?
10. Is the subject working for the U.S. Government or is he affiliated in any way in confidential Government work at this time?
11. Did this individual have military training, Abraham Lincoln Brigade, U.S. Army, other service?
12. Was this individual employed in vital industry?
13. Do you know any other members of his family who are Communists?
14. Do you know of any other activity on the part of the individual which would indicate that the individual is a concealed Communist?

Additional questions were asked as a result of answers to the above questions in order to fully develop his information.

Attached is a blind memorandum dictated by LOUIS F. BUDENZ and containing all the pertinent information concerning the subject which BUDENZ could presently recollect.

The original of each memo has been reviewed by Mr. BUDENZ and he has made any necessary corrections, and he has signed the original. The signed original of each memo is being retained in the confidential informant file of LOUIS F. BUDENZ, NY file 62-8988.

Letter to Director,

Since the individuals such as the subject of this case are, according to BUDENZ, concealed Communists and since they are, in most instances, persons of some prominence, it is suggested that if the information appearing in the attached blind memo is reported, then Mr. BUDENZ should be given a temporary confidential informant symbol.

For the information of the Bureau the subject is one of the 400 concealed Communists whom BUDENZ stated he knew. The names of these concealed Communists were sent to the Bureau in the case captioned "Communist Party, USA; Internal Security - C".

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt

EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

ROBERT GWATHMEY

A rather well-known artist, now located in New York.

GWATHMEY is one of the group who were brought close to the Communist Party and got to become Communists by WILLIAM GROPPER and his associates in the artists' field.

According to reports to the Cultural Commission of the Communist Party when I was present, made by GROPPER himself or by ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, GWATHMEY has cooperated in recruiting artists and other professionals for Communist fronts. His membership on a number of such fronts down to 1951 confirms these statements.

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Director, FBI 3-357

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Reurmemo July 5, 1951, concerning the captioned subject.

Bureau files reflect that a closing report dated January 19, 1944, was submitted by your office concerning the subject in this matter.

You are instructed to reopen this case and bring the activities of the subject up to date. Your report should include the information furnished by Budenz as reflected in referenced memorandum and should be suitable for dissemination.

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TITLE ROBERT GWATHMEY			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject reliably reported in 1947 as CP member; admittedly has made a study of Marxism. Subject consistently active in behalf of CP projects in cultural fields up to present and associated with numerous Communist front organizations. Resides at 1 West 68th Street, NYC. Employed as instructor in art by New School of Social Research and as part time instructor at Cooper Union, both NYC.

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DETAILS:

At New York City

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Residence

[Confidential Informant T-1 advised on October 12, 1951] that the subject resides at 1 West 68th Street, New York City.

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Employment

PATRICIA SMITH PALUGYAY, Secretary to the President, New School for Social Research, 66 West 12th Street, advised SA JOHN J. RUSSELL on October 12, 1951 that the subject is a painter and is currently employed at the school as an instructor in "Advanced Painting and Composition". She advised that the subject was employed by the School from September, 1946 to September, 1949 when he left to take a trip to France. He returned to the employ of the New School for the 1950-1951 winter school session and remains so employed.

^u In connection with the above mentioned trip to France, Confidential Informant T-2, whose reliability is unknown, but who is closely acquainted with the subject and in a position to furnish information regarding him, has advised that the subject spent about one year in Europe in 1949 and 1950 where he supposedly went for the purpose of obtaining subject matter for his painting. The informant advised that the subject spent most of his stay in Europe at 5 Rue Pauly, Paris, France.

Miss DORIS FASNACHT, Secretary to the President, Cooper Union, Cooper Square, New York City, advised SA FOREST S. PITTMAN on October 11, 1951 that the subject has been employed by the Cooper Union as a part time painting instructor from September 1942 to the present.

Communist Activity

*American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc.

^u Confidential Informant T-3 advised on September 4, 1947 that the subject was one of the sponsors of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief.

*American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born

The April 22, 1951 issue of the "Worker" which is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast

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Communist newspaper, listed the subject in column 2, page 7, section I, as one of the signers of an open letter to Attorney General McGRATH urging the release of four "non-citizens held without bail" under the McCarran Law on Terminal Island, California. According to the article, this action was announced by the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born.

American Labor Party

The February 9, 1948 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 7, column 4, listed the subject as one of the twenty-six prominent figures endorsing the candidacy of LEO ISACSON, American Labor Party candidate in the 24th Congressional District, Bronx, New York, in a forthcoming special election.

A check of the records of the Board of Elections, New York City, by SE CLINTON E. POLLOCK reflected that the subject, residing at 1 West 68th Street, registered under the emblem of the American Labor Party from 1946 to 1948 inclusive. No party preference was noted with his 1950 registration.

The American Labor Party has been cited as follows in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" published by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, March 3, 1951:

"American Labor Party

"1. For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, report, March 29, 1944, page 78).

"2. Among 'organizations that are victims of Communist domination'. (California Committee on Un-American Activities, report 1948, pages 40 and 41)."

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American Peace Crusade

In the May 1, 1951 issue of the "Daily Worker" page 11, column 1, the subject is listed as one of the sponsors of the American Peace Crusade "Arts Contest on Peace Theme" which was announced in the same article.

The American Peace Crusade has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities as an "organic part of the Communist peace offensive".

Bill of Rights Conference

The subject was listed in column 1, page 5, of the June 17, 1949, issue of the "Daily Worker", as one of the sponsors of the Bill of Rights Conference to be held July 16 and 17, 1949 at the Henry Hudson Hotel, New York City.

u [Confidential Informant T-4] has advised that a conference at the Henry Hudson Hotel, New York City, on July 16 and 17, 1949, was held to consider "the attitude on America's Bill of Rights" with specific emphasis on the trial of the twelve Communist Party leaders at New York under the provisions of the Smith Act of 1940.

*Civil Rights Congress

[Confidential Informants T-5 and T-6] have furnished information reflecting that the subject was a sponsor of the Civil Rights Congress National Conference held at Chicago, Illinois from November 21 to 23, 1947.

Committee to End the "Jim Crow Silver-Gold" System in the Panama Canal Zone

u [Confidential Informant T-7 advised on November 23, 1948] that the subject's name appeared as a signer to a petition to President TRUMAN urging abolition of "Jim Crow Silver-Gold" discrimination in the Panama Canal Zone.

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X [Confidential Informant T-8] has advised that the above captioned organization was definitely a Communist front.

*George Washington Carver School

An article appearing in the February 26, 1944 issue of "People's Voice" identified the subject as one of the speakers to be presented by the George Washington Carver School at an exhibition of paintings by Negro and white "socially conscientious artists" on the following day.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities report 1948, page 225, cited "People's Voice" as being among the publications which the Committee finds to be "Communist initiated and controlled or so strongly influenced as to be in the STALIN solar system".

Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact

U X [Confidential Informant T-7 advised on December 12, 1949] that the subject was a signer to an open letter to Congressmen urging defeat of President TRUMAN'S Arms Program. According to the informant, this action was taken through the Continuations Committee of the Conference on Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact.

Confidential Informant T-9 has advised that ABBOT SIMON, National Field Director of the *National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, stated on August 10, 1949 that he was participating in the preparation of a conference under the auspices of the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact. SIMON also stated that the mailing list of the NCASF had been used as a basis in obtaining signatures for the open letter to Congress protesting the Truman Arms Program. X U

Communist Party Leaders

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, reflect that in 1948 the subject was a sponsor of the National Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the Twelve Communist Party Leaders.

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It is noted that the twelve leaders of the Communist Party, USA, were put to trial in the Southern District of New York in 1949 and eleven of them were convicted under the provisions of the Smith Act of 1940.

In the January 17, 1949 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 3, column 5, the subject is listed as one of the signers to a statement issued on the eve of the trial of the twelve Communist Party leaders by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions calling upon Attorney General TOM CLARK to drop the indictment.

In the February 28, 1949 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 9, column 3, the subject is listed as one of the signers of a statement denouncing the indictment of the twelve Communist Party leaders at New York under the Smith Act as "political persecutions".

u [Confidential Informant T-7 advised on March 11, 1949] that the subject was a signer of a statement issued by the New York State Executive Committee of the New York State Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions urging the President and Attorney General to withdraw the indictments against the twelve Communist Party leaders.

u [Confidential Informant T-10 advised on or about June 4, 1949] that the *Civil Rights Congress had communicated with the subject requesting him to join others in endorsing a statement protesting the jail sentences imposed upon JOHN GATES, HENRY WINSTON and GUS HALL for contempt of court in the course of their trial at New York City under the provisions of the Smith Act.

u [Confidential Informant T-4 advised on September 9, 1949] that a letterhead of the National Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the Twelve Communist Party Leaders, 23 West 26th Street, New York, dated September 2, 1949 listed the subject as a member of the New York section of this Committee.

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[Confidential Informant T-7 advised on October 6, 1949] that a release of the above organization datelined October 2, 1949 reflected that "one million signatures to quash the indictments and end the trial of the twelve top American Communist leaders" was the announced goal of this newly formed organization. The same release listed the subject as one of the individuals who were already enrolled as members of the organization.

The subject was listed in the October 3, 1949 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 9, column 4, as one of the early members of the National Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the Twelve Communist Leaders.

Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace

The subject has been identified by the following sources as a sponsor of the above captioned conference which was held March 25 to 29, 1949 at New York City:

California Committee on Un-American Activities,
1949, report, page 500,

"Daily Worker", February 21, 1949, page 9, column 4,

[Confidential Informant [T-4],] u

Bureau of Special Services and Investigation.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities report 1949, page 476, described the above conference as an international Communist front activity growing out of a Communist sponsored Congress of Intellectuals held in Poland in August, 1948.

"Daily Worker"

Confidential Informant T-7 in December 1947 and January 1948 furnished a list of persons whom he knew to be subscribers to the "Daily Worker". Among those listed was ROBERT GWATHMEY, 1 West 68th Street, New York City. u

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The subject's name is listed in the May 10, 1948 issue of the "Daily Worker" on page 13 as one of a number of persons in the cultural field in the United States signing an open letter to writers in the Soviet Union urging cooperative action against the "tide of war which our (United States) ruling class has set in motion".

~~UCI~~ Confidential Informant T-2 has advised that the subject received the "Daily Worker" through the mail in 1949.

In the May 3, 1951 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 9, column 1, and the May 13, 1951 issue of the "Worker", page 7, column 3, section II, the subject is listed as one of 91 signers to a letter to President TRUMAN asking the President to halt the execution of WILLY McGEE, a Mississippi Negro convicted of rape and sentenced to die in the electric chair.

The February 22, 1951 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 4, column 3, announced that an art exhibit for the benefit of a "blinded veteran of the Spanish Peoples War against Fascist Franco" would be held at the Robert Gwathmey Studio, 1 West 68th Street, New York City.

There appears in the May 17, 1951 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 9, column 2, a list of 238 individuals signing the plea to President TRUMAN to bar United States military aid to the Franco Regime of Spain. The subject's name appears on this list.

In an article in the June 29, 1951 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 11, columns 1 to 3, prefaced by the statement that the "Daily Worker" Feature Department was soliciting statements regarding the dissenting opinions on the Supreme Court decision upholding the Smith Act, there appeared a statement by the subject condemning the Smith Act as censorship. It is noted that the "Daily Worker" did point out that the publication of the statement of these individuals was not intended to signify political agreement by these individuals with the views of the "Daily Worker".

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The "Daily Worker" has been cited as the official organ of the Communist Party, USA by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, report #1920, May 11, 1948, page 44.

*International Workers Order

In the June 18, 1951 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 8, column 3, the subject is listed as one of 200 persons who filed a brief Amicus Curiae with the New York Supreme Court asking dismissal of the New York Insurance Superintendent's petition to liquidate the IWO.

The March 25, 1951 issue of the "Compass", a New York City newspaper, carried an advertisement in the form of an open letter to Governor DEWEY protesting the pending action which threatened liquidation of the IWO. ROBERT GWATHMEY was listed as one of the signers of this letter.

*Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee

In the July 10, 1950 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 5, column 1, the subject is named as one of the three signers to an appeal sent to some 1500 prominent persons urging them to write to President TRUMAN for the immediate release of leaders of the JAFRC jailed for refusal to furnish information to the Committee on Un-American Activities of the United States House of Representatives.

*Jefferson School of Social Science

The subject is listed in the April 8, 1949 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 12, column 2, as one of the artists contributing their work for the Jefferson School Three Day Easter Bazaar starting April 8, 1949.

"Masses and Mainstream"

The March 1948 issue of "Masses and Mainstream" listed the subject's name as one of the contributing editors to the publication.

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The "Daily Worker" dated May 25, 1948, page 13, announced a mass demonstration against the "Mundt Bill" to take place June 3, 1948 at Manhattan Center, New York City, under the auspices of "Masses and Mainstream". The subject was listed as one of the sponsors for the meeting.

The January 21, 1947 issue of "New Masses" identified the subject as one of the contributing editors for the publication.

"New Masses" was cited as a Communist periodical by Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE as is shown on page 7688 of the Congressional Record, September 24, 1942.

"Masses and Mainstream", the successor to "New Masses", has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities report 1948, page 49, as "among typical examples of the Communist press and publications".

"May Day Celebration"

U2 [Confidential Informant T-11 has advised] that the subject participated in and directed activities of the May Day Committee in connection with the May Day Parade, May 1, 1951 at New York City.

U2 [Confidential Informant T-12] has identified the Annual May Day Parade as a Communist Party function.

*National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

U2 [Confidential Informant T-7 on February 10, 1948] furnished a copy of a News Release of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship dated February 9, 1948 stating that more than 100 prominent Americans had denounced the 20th Century Fox Film, "The Iron Curtain" as war propaganda in a statement to SPYRUS SKOURAS, President of 20th Century Fox. The subject was listed as one of the signers to this statement.

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National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions,
Independent Citizens Committee of Arts, Sciences and Professions,
and Progressive Citizens of America

A photograph of the subject appeared in the November 9, 1946 issue of "People's Voice" on page 12, columns 1 and 2. Information accompanying this photograph indicated that the subject was one of the planners of a meeting sponsored by the New York Committee for Justice in Freeport which was supported by the New York State Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions and which was held at approximately that time at the Golden Gate Ballroom, New York City.

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, reflected that the subject was the artist creator of the "Christmas Carol Card" for the Art Division, Progressive Citizens of America in 1947.

The December 1, 1947 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 3, carried an article reflecting the subject's name as one of a number of signers to an open letter to the Motion Picture Associates of America denouncing this organization for firing persons cited for contempt by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The article stated that this letter was released by the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council of the Progressive Citizens of America.

u [Confidential Informant T-13 on February 15, 1949] made available a letterhead of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions which listed the subject as one of the members at large of this organization.

u [Confidential Informant T-7 advised on March 11, 1949] that the subject was a signer of a petition to the President and Attorney General of the United States issued by the New York State Executive Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions urging the withdrawal of the indictment against the twelve members of the National Board of the Communist Party.

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~~u~~ [Confidential Informant T-16 advised] that a news release of the NCASP dated August 3, 1950 listed the subject as a signer of a statement issued by the NCASP urging negotiations between the United States and the USSR on the Korean crisis. Substantially the same information was reflected in the "Daily Worker" of August 7, 1950, page 8, column 5.

Confidential Informant T-16 advised on April 18, 1951 that ROBERT GWATHMEY was a member of the Cultural Committee for May Day of the New York Council of the NCASP, according to a statement by HOWARD FAST, Chairman of the Committee, at a May Day Conference held at Central Plaza, 111 Second Avenue on April 18, 1951. ~~u~~

The subject was a judge for an Art Contest sponsored by the Art Division of the New York Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions according to an article appearing in the May 31, 1951 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 4, column 5.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities, partial report, California Senate Journal, page 689, dated March 23, 1949, cites the NCASP as "one of the most important Communist front organizations in the country" and "a basic Communist front, with a long record of succession from other Communist fronts" and "formed in 1948 as a split-off from the Progressive Citizens of America which was at that time dissolved and merged in the Communist created and controlled independent Progressive Party".

~~u~~ [Confidential Informants T-15 and T-14 advised in December, 1946] that the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions and the National Political Action Committee together with several small independent groups merged to form the PCA in December, 1946.

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, reflect that the subject was one of the artists exhibiting their work

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for a benefit by People's Drama, Inc. at the Yugoslav American Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, on an unspecified date.

WJ [Confidential Informant T-17 reported on June 13, 1949] that People's Drama was a Communist front and had a theatre located at 405 West 41st Street, New York City.

Peace Information Center

The "Daily Worker" of June 29, 1951, page 5, column 4, listed the subject as one of 200 signers to a statement released the previous day calling for withdrawal of the prosecution of Dr. W. E. B. DU BOIS and his colleagues of the firm Peace Information Center.

WJ [Confidential Informant T-4 advised on August 15, 1950] that the subject was listed in a release issued by the Peace Information Center, 799 Broadway on August 14, 1950 under the caption, "Partial List of Prominent Americans Endorsing the World Peace Appeal".

The Peace Information Center was indicted on February 9, 1951 by a Federal Grand Jury at Washington, D.C. on a charge of failing to register as a foreign agent.

Voice of Freedom Committee

Confidential Informant T-18 has advised that the subject was one of the members of the Dinner Committee, according to information reflected on an invitation to a testimonial dinner given by the Voice of Freedom Committee at the Hotel Park Sheraton, New York City on March 3, 1949 in honor of WILLIAM S. GAILMOR, a radio commentator. *WJ*

The California Committee on Un-American Activities report 1948, page 192, declared that the Voice of Freedom Committee was a Communist front "whose function is the support of commentators who have received the acclaim of the Communist press".

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World Congress for Peace

[Confidential Informant T-4 advised in May 1949] & 4
that the subject had been elected as one of the sponsors
for the World Congress for Peace held in April, 1949 at
Paris, France.

In an article in the "New York Times", April 21, 1949
LANSING WARREN reported that the World Congress for Peace then
being held in Paris, had become a drive against the United
States and the Atlantic Pact and for peace with the Soviet
Union at any price. WARREN stated that virtually every speaker
at the Congress developed these themes.

General Communist Activity

u & [Confidential Informant T-19 advised in 1947] that
the subject was a member of the Communist Party and further
that he believed the subject to be assigned to the Artists
Unit of the Communist Party.

[Confidential Informant T-20 on June 19, 1951] & 4
advised that the subject cooperated with the Cultural
Commission of the Communist Party by recruiting artists
and other professionals for Communist fronts and has himself
been a member of a number of such fronts. The informant advised
that his information was based on the subject's activities
prior to 1945, the informant not having associated with the
Party since that time.

u & [Confidential Informant T-2 has advised] that the
subject has indicated to the informant that he has made a
study of Marxism at some time in the past and in connection
with this study advised the informant that "we have to face
the change which is coming" meaning the advance of Communism.

[Confidential Informants T-21, T-22, T-23 and T-24] & 4
who are in a position to furnish information regarding some
phases of Communism in New York City area, were unable to
furnish any information regarding the subject.

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Informants

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Reported information obtained by the writer through a pretext telephone call to the subject's residence 1 West 68th Street, New York City.

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Confidential files of the Pennsylvania Motor Police, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania checked by SA C. A. GANNON.

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LOUIS BUDENZ, former managing editor of the "Daily Worker".

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[redacted] contacted by SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.

T-22

[redacted] contacted by SA RICHARD T. CLANCY.

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[redacted] contacted by SA RICHARD T. CLANCY.

T-24

[redacted] contacted by SA RICHARD T. CLANCY.

Leads

WASHINGTON FIELD

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At Washington, D.C.

Will check the records of the Passport Division, Department of State, for any information regarding the subject's trip to France in 1949 and 1950. It is noted that the subject was born January 24, 1903 at Manchester, Virginia.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will await the decision of the Bureau regarding recommendations contained in FD-122.

Reference

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Residence

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TO : Director, FBI (100-171543)
FROM : SAC, New York
SUBJECT: ROBERT GWATHMEY
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COMMUNIST X **SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY** _____ **INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE** _____

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DATE OF BIRTH January 24, 1903 (not verified) **PLACE OF BIRTH** Manchester, Virginia
(not verified)

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 1 West 68th Street, New York City

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

New School for Social Research, 66 West 12th Street, NYC

Cooper Union, Cooper Square, New York

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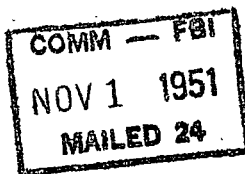
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ROBERT GWATHMEY
SECURITY MATTER - C

Rebulet August 13, 1951.

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SECURITY MATTER - C

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TITLE ROBERT GWATHMEY			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject was issued U. S. Passport #PR9340-N-24063, at San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 6, 1947, for intended five day trip to Haiti. This passport presumably expired on June 6, 1949, since no record at Passport Division, United States State Department, of any renewal, extension, or new passport.

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DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The records of the Passport Division, United States State Department, reflect that ROBERT GWATHMEY was issued Passport number PR9340-N-24063, at San Juan, Puerto Rico, on June 6, 1947, by ADOLFO TONALALLEY, Assistant Executive Secretary of Puerto Rico. In his application dated June 5, 1947, subject stated that he intended to take a five day pleasure trip to Haiti, leaving from San Juan, by plane, on June 13, 1947.

There is no further record in the Passport Division of any renewal of this passport, extension, or new passport issued to this individual. There is also no record in the Passport Division of any previous passport issued to this individual, although in his application, GWATHMEY stated that he had previously obtained a passport from the State Department at Washington, D. C., in 1930, which passport he stated was destroyed.

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Under current passport regulations, an ordinary American passport is issued valid for a period of two years, at the end of which time it may be renewed for an additional two year period, making the maximum period of validity of such passport four years. At the end of that period, a person must file a new passport application.

Miss MILDRED SMITH, Passport Clerk, United States State Department, Passport Division, advised that they were unable to locate any further record concerning this individual, but that it was still possible that another passport application could have become misfiled.

In the event this passport was not renewed, its validity expired on June 6, 1949. During that period of validity, however, subject might have made additional trips to foreign countries, beyond the one intended to be made to Haiti, at the time of his application. Under current passport regulations, a passport is retained by the bearer, and since it is the only document which contains the visa entries showing the actual departures from, and return to the United States, it is not possible to ascertain from the records of the Passport Division, the actual travel made by the passport holder.

The following is a description of subject obtained from his passport record:

Age:	48
Date of Birth:	January 24, 1903
Place of Birth:	Richmond, Virginia (birth certificate exhibited to Passport Officer)
Height:	6'
Hair:	Blond
Eyes:	Hazel
Occupation:	Artist
Permanent Residence:	1 West 68th Street, New York City
Father:	ROBERT GWATHMEY, born, Richmond, Virginia, 1868, deceased
Mother:	EVA MORTIMER HARRISON, born, Richmond, Virginia, 1869, deceased
Identifying Witness:	JACK DELANO, friend, 651 Ponce De Leon Avenue, San Lina, Puerto Rico.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent ROBERT G. MOOREFIELD
dated October 24, 1951, at New York, New
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TO : Director, FBI (100-171543)

DATE: 12/11/51

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: ROBERT GWATHMEY
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Rerep of SA ROBERT G. MOOREFIELD, 10/24/51.

Outstanding leads in this case having been covered, this matter is being placed in a closed status by the New York Office.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-171543)

DATE: January 28, 1953

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DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art.

4th Avenue and 7th Street, NYC

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List) _____

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TO : Director, FBI (100-171543)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-42001)

SUBJECT: ROBERT GWATHMEY
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In connection with this office's Security Informant Program, the above subject has been selected for interview consideration. The following data regarding his activities are set forth: *RU*

BACKGROUND

The subject, a white male, was born 1/24/03 at Richmond, Va. and is a citizen by reason of birth. On 11/2/35 he married one ROSALIE D. GWATHMEY nee HOOK of Charlotte, N.C. The subject attended the North Carolina State College of Business Administration at Raleigh, N.C. in 1923 and 1924. Also in 1924 and 1925 he attended the Maryland Institute of Art at Baltimore. Following this, he studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts at Philadelphia, Pa. from 1925 to 1929.

The subject was employed at the New School for Social Research, 66 West 12th St., New York City, from September, 1946 until September, 1949 when he left to take a trip to France. He returned to the New School for the 1950-1951 winter school session. At the present time he is employed by the Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, 4th Avenue, and 7th Street, New York City.

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY

LOUIS BUDENZ advised that until at least 1945 the subject had cooperated with the Cultural Commission of the CP by recruiting artists and other professionals for CP fronts and has himself been a member of a number of such fronts.

On 1/6/53 JOHN OLLSTON WILSON, 779 Lexington Ave., New York City, stated he was a CP member in Philadelphia during 1947 and during that time he knew the subject to also be a Communist. In 1947 the subject was also listed as a sponsor of the Civil Rights Congress and the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief.

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In 1948 the subject was a sponsor of the National Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the 12 Communist Party Leaders. He was listed in a news release of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship as one of those denouncing the 20th Century-Fox film, "The Iron Curtain" as war propaganda.

In 1949 the subject helped sponsor the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace and according to the "Daily Worker" of 6/17/49 was also a sponsor of the Bill of Rights Conference.

In 1951 the subject participated in and directed the activities of the May Day Committee in connection with the May Day Parade of 5/1/51 at New York City.

The "Daily Worker" of 5/1/51 lists the subject as one of the sponsors of the American Peace Crusade's "Arts Contest on Peace Theme." The subject's name was also included in a release by the Peace Information Center, 799 Broadway, New York City, on 8/14/50 under the caption: "Partial List of Prominent Americans Endorsing the World Peace Appeal."

[redacted] made available a letter dated 11/28/52 which was obtained from a building occupied by CP front groups and individual CP members or sympathizers. This letter was addressed to a "Mr. and Mrs. FIELD" inviting them to a meeting at the subject's home on 12/8/52 to hear a woman who "plays an important role in the world peace movement." Q U

On 12/4/52, the "Daily Worker" reported on a Brazilian and Mexican Graphic Art Exhibit sponsored by the Latin-America Research Bureau. The main speaker was to report on an interview with some American artists, including ROBERT GWATHMEY.

The subject is on the Security Index of the New York Office.

PLAN OF APPROACH

It is contemplated that the subject will be interviewed within 30 days after receipt of Bureau approval. This interview will take place at a secure distance from either the subject's home or place of employment.

Bureau permission is requested to interview the subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to security interviews.

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DATE: 12/7/53

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Re New York letter to Bureau, 10/23/53.

The name of the above subject was submitted for consideration under this office's security informant program and was subsequently approved by the Bureau. Since receipt of Bureau authority, numerous surveillances have been conducted but no contact has been made with the subject because security conditions did not prevail. Further attempts will be made to interview the subject under the proper security conditions and the Bureau will be kept advised of the results. *Q u*

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TO : Director, FBI (100-171543)

DATE: 12/22/53

FROM : SAC, New York (100-42001)

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BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

✓ Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, 4th Ave. and 7th St., NY, NY,
and Free Lance Artist at Home, 1 W. 68th Street, NYC ✓

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Re New York letter to Bureau, 10/23/53.

On 12/17/53 subject was contacted by SA WILLIAM D. SAUNDERS and SA SANFORD A. MOEN under this office's Security Informant Program as reflected in referenced letter. The details of this contact are set out below: *cu*

At 8:50 a.m. on 12/7/53 the subject was observed leaving his apartment building at 1 West 68th Street, New York City. He turned north on Central Park West and proceeded to 70th Street at which point he was contacted by the above agents.

The agents identified themselves and shook hands with the subject and told him they wished to discuss a matter involving the security of the United States and because of his background it was felt he could be of assistance to his Government if he so desired.

GWATHMEY smilingly replied that his first reaction was not to talk to the agents inasmuch as he was contacted on the street. He was advised that he was contacted away from his home and residence in order to avoid any possible embarrassment to him or his family. GWATHMEY nodded his head and murmured that he understood.

He then pointed out he did not feel he was in a position to furnish any information but could not discuss it further as he was on his way to school (Cooper Union, Fourth Avenue and Seventh Street). He was advised the agents would gladly make an appointment with him to further discuss this matter if he so wished. GWATHMEY replied that he did not wish to make any decision until he had consulted his lawyer. He stated he would notify the New York Office whatever his decision might be. GWATHMEY then departed and the interview was terminated at 9:02 a.m.

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Agents' Evaluation

During the course of the interview GWATHMEY was congenial and smiled frequently. It was observed that despite this appearance of nonchalance the subject exhibited signs of nervousness and was quite hesitant about engaging into any prolonged discussion with the agents regarding his past activities.

In the event that subject does not contact this Office by 12/31/53 Bureau permission is requested to re-contact him. This recontact will be made in accordance with existing instructions now relating to the captioned program.

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Reurlet dated December 15, 1953.

Authority is granted to recontact Gwathmey under
secure conditions away from his residence and employment.

Advise Bureau results.

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TITLE ROBERT GWATHMEY			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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DETAILS: On December 7, 1953 the subject was contacted by SA WILLIAM D. SAUNDERS and SA SANFORD A. MOEN but he declined to discuss his activities until he had consulted his attorney.

On January 18, 1954 GWATHMEY was re-contacted by the above agents. At this time the subject remarked he had seen his attorney and had nothing to say to the agents.

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At New York, New York

Will conduct appropriate investigation to bring case to current status.

REFERENCE

New York letters to Director 10/23/53 and 12/15/53.
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TO : Director, FBI (100-171543)

DATE: 1/21/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-42001)

SUBJECT: ROBERT GWATHMEY
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Re New York letter to Bureau dated 12/15/53 and
Bulet to New York 12/28/53.

In the above letter the New York Office requested, and subsequently received, authority to re-contact the subject under the proper security conditions. *CU*

On 1/18/54 re-contact was made with the subject by SAS WILLIAM D. SAUNDERS and SANFORD A. MOEN, details of which are set out below:

At 8:53 A.M. on 1/18/54 the subject was observed leaving his residence at 1 West 68th Street, NYC, in company with HOWARD FAST, recent recipient of the Stalin Peace Prize, and FAST's two children. As the subject turned the corner and proceeded north on Central Park West FAST departed from him and was heard to remark "So long Bob." GWATHMEY's reply was inaudible.

The subject continued walking until he reached the vicinity of the subway entrance at the corner of Central Park West and West 70th Street. At this point he was contacted by the above agents who identified themselves and asked whether he recalled the first meeting of 12/7/53. GWATHMEY replied "Yes, sure I remember." He turned and walked away and was once more re-contacted.

GWATHMEY was informed that this meeting provided an excellent opportunity for him to express his views regarding

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his possible assistance to his government. He was reminded that he had promised to notify the New York Office of any decision he might make in this matter.

GWATHMEY then replied, "I talked with my lawyer and I have nothing more to say."

GWATHMEY then hurriedly brushed by the agents and departed in the direction of the subway platform. The interview was terminated at 9:03 A.M.

In view of the subject's uncooperative attitude his name is being retained on the Security Index of the New York Office and no further attempt will be made to contact him at this time.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-171543)

DATE: 6/30/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-42001)

SUBJECT: ROBERT GWATHMEY
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TO : Director, FBI (100-171543)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-42001)

SUBJECT: ROBERT GWATHMEY, wa: Robert Gwathmey
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DATE: 7/9/54

Rerep of SA FREDERICK H. STEVENS, dated 7/9/54, the original and 4 copies of which are enclosed herewith.

In view of the fact that the subject is presently on the SI, this case is being placed in a closed status in the NYO, UACB.

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TITLE CHANGED ROBERT GWATHMEY, wa: Robert Gwathmey		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Reliable informants advised ROBERT GWATHMEY artist, not further identified, participated art sale sponsored by CRC 1951; listed as sponsors National Conference to Defend the Rights of Foreign Born, according to an undated release of American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born; name of ROBERT GWATHMEY, not further identified, was mentioned favorably in numerous articles in the "Daily Worker" from 1952 to 1954. -C- DETAILS: The title of this report is marked changed to include that alias ROBERT GWATHMEY, as furnished by T-12 of known reliability, as appearing on a list maintained by Tass News Agency, New York City. BACKGROUND <u>Residence</u> 44 AGENCY <u>1cc RAB</u> [T-1 of unknown reliability, who is familiar with REQ. REC'D DATE FORW. <u>7-20-54</u> HOW FORW. <u>LPH-4a</u> BY <u>LPH-4a</u> ENCLOSURE 100-171543-25 APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <u>JPK</u> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 - Bureau (100-171543) (RM) 3 - New York (100-42001) 9 JUL 13 1954 RECORDED-45 EX-118 RECEIVED			

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the subject, advised on June 29, 1954⁴⁴ that he presently resides at 1 West 68th Street, New York City.

Employment

⁴⁴T-2 of unknown reliability, who is familiar with the subject advised on June 29, 1954, that the subject is employed at Cooper Union for Advancement of Science and Art, 4th Avenue and 7th Street, New York City.

⁴⁴X[T-2 advised] that in view of the fact that no classes in art are being held during the summer months, the subject was also doing free lance art work at home.

Affiliation with Communist Movement

⁴⁴X[T-3 of known reliability, stated on March 2, 1953, that a "release" of the American Peace Crusade stated that ROBERT GWATHMEY artist, New York City, was one of the signers of an open letter to President Eisenhower calling for a cease fire in Korea.

AMERICAN PEACE CRUSADE

"1. Cited as an organization which 'the Communists established as 'a new instrument for their 'peace' offensive in the United States' and which was heralded by the Daily Worker 'with the usual bold headlines reserved for projects in line with the Communist objectives."

(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, statement issued on the March of Treason, February 19, 1951, and House Report No. 378, on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive, April 25, 1951, original date, April 1, 1951, P.51)"

⁴⁴X[T-4 of known reliability, advised] that in a catalogue of art exhibits and sale sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress on December 7,8,9, 1951, is listed pictures by ROBERT GWATHMEY, not further identified.

Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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48 [T-5 of unknown reliability, advised] that ROBERT GWATHMEY artist, whom he knew in Philadelphia in 1947, and who now resides in New York City, was a Communist. To support this, the informant stated that GWATHMEY spoke before the Artist Club in Philadelphia several times. The informant stated that the Artist Club was made up of artists who were members of the Progressive Citizens of America.

48 [T-7 of known reliability, advised in December of 1946] that the Communist Party supports the Progressive Citizens of America, and has urged its members on various occasions to support this organization.

48 [T-6 of known reliability, advised] that a release was issued by the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, wherein ROBERT GWATHMEY, not further identified, is listed as a sponsor of a Conference to Defend the Rights of Foreign Born Americans, to be held in Detroit, Michigan, December 13 and 14, 1952.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Congressman GEORGE A. DONDERO, in a speech before the House of Representatives, on March 17, 1953, stated that ROBERT GWATHMEY, not further identified, was a member of the United American Artist in 1938.

Congressman DONDERO stated that GWATHMEY was a sponsor of the Artist Equity Association, which according to Congressman DONDERO is "the latest link in the chain of Red instigated artist organizations."

UNITED AMERICAN ARTISTS

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p.129)
- "2. Communists regard the infiltration, manipulation, and control of their program of revolution

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and control of artistic and cultural media as one of the indispensable phases of their program of revolution * * * Typical of Communist fronts in this classification is the above.

(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 52)"

In the "Daily Worker" February 5, 1952, page 7, column 2, appears an article entitled "Veteran's art show opened March 29" wherein it is stated that the art show under the auspices of the American Veteran's for Peace would be held March 29 through April 6, 1952. ROBERT GWATHMEY, not further identified, was listed as a sponsor.

AMERICAN VETERANS FOR PEACE

"1. Cited as an organization which the Daily Worker, February 22, 1951, describes as participating in the campaign of the American Peace Crusade, another Communist front.

(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report No. 378, on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive, April 25, 1951, original date, April 1, 1951, p. 52.)"

In the "Daily Worker" of March 12, 1953, page 4, column 1, appears an article entitled "Notables back IWO fight for existence" wherein ROBERT GWATHMEY artist, not further identified, is listed as a signer of a "peoples brief currently being circulated for the purpose of preventing the liquidation of the International Workers Order."

The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

In the "Daily Worker" of April 9, 1953, page 7, appears an article wherein ROBERT GWATHMEY, not further identified, is listed as a sponsor of the "second National Veteran's art show organized by the American Veteran's for Peace" to be held April 11 through the 19th 1953, at 77 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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The American Veteran's for Peace, has been previously documented in this report.

In the November 25, 1953, issue of the "Daily Worker" page 2, column 5, ROBERT GWATHMEY artist, New York,

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is listed as one of the signers of an open statement "in support of the 'constitutional right' of American's to teach and learn Marxism in institutions like the Jefferson School of Social Science."

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Communist Party Sympathies

The "Daily Worker" of March 10, 1952, page 3, column 5, appears an article entitled "Notables protest curb on lawyers in political trades, Carnegie Hall rights rally tonight" wherein ROBERT GWATHMEY, not further identified, is listed among others as a signer of "statement on right to counsel."

In the "Daily Worker" of April 3, 1952, page 7, column 1, appears an article entitled "Dancers protest sending of City Ballet to Franco, Spain". Wherein it is stated that Professors in art urged Mayor IMPELLITTERI in his capacity as President of the City Center, to cancel the forth coming "good will" engagement of the New York City ballet in Spain. One of the signers of the letter was ROBERT GWATHMEY, not further identified.

In the "Daily Worker" of September 29, 1952, page 2, column 3, appears an article wherein it is stated that ROBERT GWATHMEY, not further identified, was one of the signers of a letter to the Attorney General requesting bail for MARTIN YOUNG.

It is noted that MARTIN YOUNG is a Russian Alien, who was arrested October 26, 1951, in deportation proceedings, arising out of his Communist Party membership, who was incarcerated at Ellis Island, New York, and who was released on conditional parole October 22, 1953.

In the "Daily Worker" of October 30, 1952, on page 3, column 4, ROBERT GWATHMEY New York, not further

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identified, is listed as a signer of a protest to the President's Commission on Immigration and Naturalization against "widening attacks by the Government on Foreign Born."

In the "Daily Worker" November 9, 1952, page 3, column 3, appears an article wherein it is stated that ROBERT GWATHMEY, not further identified, was a sponsor of a Theater rally to secure clemency for the ROSENBERGS on November 19, 1952, at 306 W. 52nd Street, New York City.

In the "Daily Worker" of November 10, 1952, page 3, column 3, ROBERT GWATHMEY "internationally famed artist" is listed as a signer of an "Amicus Curiae brief" presented to the Supreme Court urging a new trial for JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG.

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were convicted March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were sentenced to death, and were executed June 19, 1952, at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York.

The "Worker" of November 23, 1952, page 3, column 3, listed ROBERT GWATHMEY, New York, not further identified, as a signer of a telegram to the Attorney General protesting "holding of 9 non citizens without bail" in an article entitled "20 notables rip holding of 9 non citizens without bail." The article states "8 non citizens are being held facing indefinite imprisonment without bail in the Mc Carran Wing of Ellis Island, and one is imprisoned in the County Jail at Crown Point, Indiana.

The "Daily Worker" of December 4, 1952, page 8, column 2, carries an announcement of the Brazilian and Mexican graphic art exhibit to be held December 6 and 7, 1952, at the Hotel Albert, 42 East 11th Street, New York City, at which one of the speakers was to discuss an interview with ROBERT GWATHMEY, not further identified.

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The "Daily Worker" of December 10, 1952, page 4, columns 2 and 4, carries an article wherein ROBERT GWATHMEY, artist, New York, not further identified, is listed as assigner of "an appeal requesting the President to grant amnesty to the leaders of the Communist Party convicted under the Smith Act. "

In the "Daily Worker" of April 8, 1953, page 2, appears an article wherein ROBERT GWATHMEY New York, not further identified, is listed as a signer of an open letter to the United States Congress asking for repeal of the Mc Carran Law.

In the "Daily Worker" of April 24, 1953 on page 2, ROBERT GWATHMEY, not further identified, was listed as one of the signers of a message of greetings to the Continental Congress of Culture which was being held in Santiago, Chile.

In the "Daily Worker" of March 31, 1953, page 8, column 2, in an article captioned "political test for jobs denounced by 100 notables". ROBERT GWATHMEY New York, not further identified, is listed as one of the signers of a "statement of principles for the defense of Democracy against Mc Carthyism."

The "Daily Worker" is an east coast ^{Communist} newspaper. The "Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker."

In November 2, 1953, issue of the "National Guardian" on page 3, under the heading "New York calendar" is an announcement of a meeting to be held November 6, 1953, at the home of the subject.

The 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication launched in New York in 1948, aiming at national circulation, which they found to be notoriously Stalinistic in its staff, writers, management and content.

Interview

On December 7/¹⁹⁵³ and January 18, 1954, attempts were made to interview the subject by SA's WILLIAM D.

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SAUNDERS, and SANFORD A. MOEN. The subject stated that he had nothing to say to the agents.

Miscellaneous

[T-7, T-8, T-9, T-10, T-11, all of known reliability, who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party Activities in the New York area, advised] that they do not know the subject. *qu*

T-12, of known reliability, advised on October 22, 1951, that the name ROBERT GWATHEMAY artist, 1 West 68th Street, New York City, appeared on a list of "very important people" maintained by Tass Newspaper Agency, Associated Press Building, Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. Tass is the official newspaper agency of the Soviet Union in the United States. *qu*

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T-1 pretext phone call to person who answered at 1 W. 68th St. NYC	Background	6/29/54	SA FREDERICK H. STEVENS	100-42001
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T-3 [redacted]	Signer of open letter to President Eisenhower according to release of APC	3/2/53	SA E.K. DEANE SE K.F. BUCKLEY	100-142 789-32
T-4 [redacted]	participated in art sale sponsored by CRC 12/7,8,9/51	1/15/52	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY	100-806 1131008
T-5 [redacted]	Communist made speeches before Artists Club made up members PCA	1/6/53	SA EDWARD J. GALLAGHER	100-42001 100-4520-1733A pg. 1
T-6 [redacted]	Sponsor Nat. Conference to defend Rights of Foreign Born 12/13,14/52	9/29/54	SA S.E. GIBLER SE A. W. CONROY	100-3620-1733A pl.
T-7 [redacted]	Negative used to document Progressive Citizens of America	4/28/54	SA RICHARD C. BLASSE	100-42001

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T-10 [redacted]	negative	4/27/54	SA ARTHUR P. HEALY	100-42001
T-11 [redacted]	negative	4/27/54	SA ARTHUR P. HEALY	100-42001
T-12 Physical examination of records Tass News Agency by Bureau Agents, per orders Justice Department	name on VIP list maintained by Tass	10/22/51	SA RAYMOND P. WIRTH ANATOLE A. BOGUSLAV MARTIN J. MC GUINN EDWARD J. CAHILL LOUIS H. WOIWODE	100-60713- 445 P.621

REFERENCE:

Report of SA SANFORD A. MOEN, at New York, 1/21/54.

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DATE: 9/14/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-42001)

SUBJECT: ROBERT GWATHMEY
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BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) Cooper Union for the

Advancement of Science and Art, 4th Ave. & 7th St., New York and part-

time Art Instructor, 5 Towns Art Council, Woodmere, Long Island, New York

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-171543)

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FROM : SAC, WFO (100-24872)

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On 3/2/55,

[redacted] advised SA PETER J. MURPHY, JR. that the Hungarian Legation in Washington, D. C., had ordered 500 invitations for a reception to be held at the Hungarian Legation on 4/4/55, and 400 invitations for a reception to be held at the Legation on 4/2/55, both in "celebration of the tenth anniversary of the liberation of Hungary by the Soviet Army."

On 3/15/55,

[redacted] advised SA JAMES L. STARTZELL that catering service had been requested at the Hungarian Legation on the evening of 4/2/55, for approximately 200 individuals who were described as being from the "Hungarian colony." Catering service was also requested on the evening of 4/4/55, for approximately 300 individuals described as diplomatic personnel.

On 3/12/55,

[redacted] advised SA CHARLES B. TEBBS that several hundred letters of uniform size and shape had been mailed on that date with the return address of the Hungarian Legation, Washington, D. C. An anonymous source of known reliability noted that one of the above letters contained a printed invitation to the following effect, "In celebration of the tenth anniversary of the liberation of Hungary by the Soviet Army, the Minister of the Hungarian People's Republic and Madame SZARKA request the honor of the company of [redacted] at a reception on Monday, the 4th of April from seven to nine o'clock at the Legation." (It is presumed that a portion of the letters issued invitations

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to the reception on 4/2/55, rather than on 4/4/55.)

One of the above-mentioned uniform letters was addressed to Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT WATNEY, 1 West 68th Street, New York, N. Y., who appears to be identical with the subject of this matter. The original documentation in this regard appears in WFO file 105-4649-Sub B. ~~Q~~ u

The indices of the WFO reflect that the subject is or has been the subject of an investigation in the New York Division.

The above is furnished for information and any action deemed advisable. Any further indication that the subject actually attended the reception will be promptly furnished the Bureau and interested offices. RUC

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All informants used in this letter have furnished reliable information in the past, unless otherwise indicated.

The subject's name was contained on 3/27/42, on the mailing list of the Contemporary Book Shop, Pittsburgh, PA., official CP book store. (photo-record copy of mailing list, Pittsburgh reference 97-21-11, no source given.) & u

Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM L. ELKINS, JR, 5712 Howe St., Pittsburgh, Pa., advised the subject answered, "I do", to the direct question, "Do you believe one-hundred per cent in Communism." (no date given, 1942 report)

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, on 6/19/51, stated the subject was one of the group who was brought close to the CP, and got to become Communists, by WILLIAM GROPPER and his associates in the artists' field. BUDENZ advised that according to the Cultural Commission of the CP, when he, BUDENZ was present, the subject had cooperated in recruiting artists and other professionals for Communist fronts.

[redacted] advised on 9/4/47, that the subject was one of the sponsors of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief. The date when the subject was a sponsor is not specified.

"Daily Worker", 4/22/51, listed the subject as a signer of an open letter to the Attorney General, urging

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the release of four "non-citizens held without bail" under the Mc Carran Law, on Terminal Island, California. This action was announced by the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born.

"Daily Worker", 5/1/51, listed subject as one of the sponsors of the American Peace Crusade "Arts Contest on Peace Theme."

Records of BSSI, NYCPD, reflect that in 1948, the subject was a sponsor of the National Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the Twelve CP Leaders.

The "Compass", NYC newspaper of 3/25/51, carried an advertisement in the form of an open letter to Governor DEWEY, protesting the pending action which threatened liquidation of the International Workers Order. The subject's name was listed among those who signed.

"Masses and Mainstream", of March, 1948, listed the subject's name as one of the contributing editors to the publication.

u [] advised the subject participated in, and directed activities of the May Day Committee in connection with the May Day Parade, 5/1/51, NYC.

[] advised on 4/18/51, the subject was a member of the Cultural Committee for May Day of the New York Council of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, according to a statement of HOWARD FAST at a May Day Conference, held in NYC on the same date. *ku*

JOHN OLLSTON WILSON, 779 Lexington Ave, NYC, advised on 1/6/53, he was asked to join the Artists Club of the Independent Citizens Committee, and become a CP member, in 1947.

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He was told the Artists Club was made up of members of different organizations, which in 1947, merged to become the Progressive Citizens of America. He stated the subject was a member of this organization. Also that the subject, on several occasions during March and August, 1947, spoke before the Artists Club on the rights of Negroes and was a Communist.

Subject, when interviewed by Bureau Agents on 12/7/53, stated he did not wish to talk without consulting his lawyer.

On 1/18/54, the subject told the Agents, "I talked with my lawyer, and I have nothing to say." Previous to this interview, on the same day, the subject was observed by the agents to be conversing with HOWARD FAST.

The subject's name appeared on many petitions, which were sponsored by CP front organizations, and published in the "Daily Worker" during the period 1952-1954.

[redacted] advised on 11/25/54, that on that date, ISIDORE G. NEEDLEMAN attempted to contact the subject. *u*

A WFO anonymous source advised on 3/12/55, the subject was invited to attend a reception to be held at the Hungarian Legation, Washington, D.C., in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the liberation of Hungary by the Soviet Army. It was not known whether he actually attended. *u*

By letter dated 5/12/55, Assistant Attorney General WILLIAM F. TOMPKINS forwarded to the Bureau, documents distributed by the council for the Jefferson School of Social Science, at the close of the proceedings before the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB). The subject's name, his *u*

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city, and occupation appeared on a list of those who found unwarranted the inference of the chairman of the SACB that "academic freedom is not here involved", on the alleged ground that students of the Jefferson School may, at some unspecified future time, make "unlawful" use of Marxist-Lenninist teachings; also that they believed that to seek to suppress the teachings of Marxism-Lenninism at the Jefferson School, was to threaten all freedom of teaching in the realm of social, political and economic theory. *fu*

Recommendation *Agree - OK*

1. Delete from SI. Subject does not meet requirements set out in referenced SAC letter.

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1. Not presently tabbed.
2. Not applicable.
3. Recommended for deletion from SI.

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Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum
concerning a demonstration held by captioned organization on
11/11/61, at UN Plaza, NYC.

- 4-Bureau (100-435851) (Encls. 8) (RM)
- (1-109-12-221) (Foreign Political Matters - Mexico)
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There is no approved characterization for captioned organization.

The sources used to characterize BETTY MILLARD were:

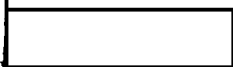


The Special Agents who observed the demonstration at UN Plaza on 11/11/61, were:

DONALD A. RIVERS
HARRY A. HOWELL
PETER J. LEIGHTON

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The source used to characterize MOE FISHMAN was:



The Special Agent who observed FISHMAN on 3/26/61, enter and leave Room BB at Central Plaza Annex in NYC, was SA JOSEPH M. MULVANEY

The attached letterhead memorandum was classified "~~Confidential~~" inasmuch as it contains information from sources, the disclosure of whom could be detrimental to the security of the United States, and could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of this country.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

November 13, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to
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ON 4/19/97

Re: U.S. Friends of Mexico
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The "National Guardian", issue of November 13, 1961, page 5, contains an announcement of a "Demonstration for Siqueiros", to protest the "inhuman and illegal imprisonment of this renowned artist", to be held November 11, 1961, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at United Nations Plaza, 42nd Street and First Avenue, New York City, New York. The announcement notes that Dr. Corliss Lamont, Attorney Stanley Faulkner, and artist Robert Gwathmey flew to Mexico on November 7, 1961, to present an appeal to Mexican authorities. The article requests that funds to defray expenses and to conduct other publicity activities be sent to Betty Millard, Treasurer of captioned organization, Box 73, Village Station, New York City.

A characterization of the "National Guardian" is attached hereto.

Corliss Lamont

On September 23, 1953, Louis Budenz testified before the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Government Operations. In this testimony, Budenz stated that Earl Browder, as head of the Communist Party, in the United States, had referred to Corliss Lamont as one of the four prides of the

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CP because Lamont was always ready to cooperate with any Communist front or any Communist cause. Browder made this reference at a National Committee meeting of the CP in the early 1940's. Budenz also testified that Corliss Lamont was a member of the CP when he, Budenz, was a member.

Robert Gwathmey

Louis Budenz, a self-admitted CP functionary until 1945, advised on June 19, 1951, that Robert Gwathmey cooperated with the Cultural Commission of the CP by recruiting artists and other professionals for Communist fronts and has himself been a member of such fronts. Budenz advised that this information is based on Gwathmey's activities prior to 1945.

Stanley Faulkner

The "New York Guild Lawyer", September, 1960 issue, which is self-described as a publication of the National Lawyers' Guild, sets forth the officers and members of the National Executive Board of the National Lawyers' Guild elected at the convention, July, 1960. Stanley Faulkner was listed as a member of the Executive Board from New York.

A characterization of the National Lawyers' Guild is attached hereto.

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Betty Millard

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, during February, 1953, advised that Betty Millard was a member of the Commission of Latin American Affairs of the CP, USA.

Another source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 10, 1956, advised that Betty Millard was then a member of the new enlarged CP club being organized in the Greenwich Village area of New York City. This source advised on March 27, 1959, that Betty Millard was asked by a member of Club 2, Greenwich Village Section CP, to rejoin the CP at which time she replied that she did not know what they were talking about. This source advised on September 15, 1961, that Millard was not known to be presently a member of the Greenwich Village Section of the CP. *h*

On November 11, 1961, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed the above demonstration at United Nations Plaza, New York City. The picket line formed at 11:05 a.m. and was discontinued without incident at 12:35 p.m.; small groups remained in the area until 12:50 p.m. Approximately 80 persons marched, many of whom carried placards demanding freedom for Siqueiros. Betty Millard and Moe Fishman were observed marching in this picket line.

A third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished *h*

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information on March 26, 1961, that a meeting was held in Room BB, Central Plaza Annex, 40 East 7th Street, New York City, under the name "Modern Forum" on that date. Source advised that this was actually a convention of the CP Section for the Printing Trades in New York City. *K4*

A Special Agent of the FBI, on March 26, 1961, observed Moe Fishman enter and leave Room BB, Central Plaza Annex, during the time of the CP Section Convention.

On November 11, 1961, Detective Jack Caulfield, Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, advised Special Agent Peter J. Leighton that he observed the demonstration held by captioned organization at United Nations Plaza, New York City. Detective Caulfield stated that approximately 80 persons marched in the picket line, which lasted from 11:05 a.m. to 12:35 p.m., and no incidents were noted. Detective Caulfield stated that he obtained the following information from a newspaper reporter covering this demonstration:

That Robert Gwathmey attended the demonstration and stated that he, Corliss Lamont and Stanley Faulkner recently went to Mexico to see Mexican officials regarding Siqueiros, and Faulkner had remained there; that Betty Millard had told him that Lamont had returned from Mexico and had visited this demonstration for about ten minutes.

The "New York Times", issue of November 12, 1961, contains an article with a Mexico City by-line dated November 10, 1961, captioned, "3 Plead For Artist." The article notes

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that a committee representing captioned organization charged today that the civil rights of the imprisoned Mexican Painter, Siqueiros, had been violated. This committee, composed of Robert Gwathmey, Stanley Faulkner and Corliss Lamont, interviewed Siqueiros but claimed that it was unable to discuss the case with any Mexican official.

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NATIONAL GUARDIAN

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. * * * Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12)"

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Lawyers' Guild":

"National Lawyers' Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers' Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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1 Mr. Kitchens

SAC, New York (100-42001)

November 28, 1961

Director, FBI (100-171543)

ROBERT GWATHMEY
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurairtel 11-13-61 captioned "US Friends of Mexico,
Internal Security - C," your file 100-145277.

The Bureau desires that the investigation of
Gwathmey be brought up to date in view of his recent activities
in connection with the US Friends of Mexico and in view of his
subversive background. Submit results of your investigation
in report form along with your recommendation concerning the
placing of his name in Section A of the Reserve Index.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Security Index card canceled 1955. Gwathmey,
New York City artist, recently went to Mexico City to present
to Mexican President a protest concerning the imprisonment
of David Siqueiros.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-171543)

DATE: 1/29/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-42001)

SUBJECT: ROBERT GWATHMEY
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FPR☒ It is recommended that a "Section A"
Reserve Index Card be prepared on
the above-captioned individual.☐ The "Section A" Reserve Index
Card on the captioned individual
should be changed as follows
(specify change only):

Name		ROBERT GWATHMEY		ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 9/11/81 BY SP7MAC/6ce	
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☒ Communist		☐ Socialist Workers Party			
☐ Miscellaneous (specify) _____					
Date of birth	Place of birth		Race	Sex	
1/24/03	Richmond, Virginia		W	☒ Male ☐ Female	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)					
Instructor, Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, Art School, Fourth Ave. and Seventh St., NY, NY					
Key Facility Data					
Geographical Reference Number			Responsibility		
Interested Agencies					
Residence Address					
Apt 4-C, 27 Washington Square, New York, New York					

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Basis for Recommendation:

The subject is listed as one of the endorsers of the National Assembly for Democratic Rights, 1961 ("The Worker", 8/13/61, page 1, column 2); was listed as sponsor of the New York Council to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee, 1961 ("National Guardian", 4/17/61, page 4, column 1); and was a member of a delegation of the United States Friends of Mexico, which traveled to Mexico in November, 1961 to protest to the President of Mexico the imprisonment of DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS, Artist. [REDACTED]

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 1/29/62	Investigative Period 11/28/61 - 1/18/62
TITLE OF CASE CLASSIFIED DECISIONS FINALIZED BY DEPARTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC) DATE: 11/17/97 SP6 AG/Bury (92-0874) CHANGED: ROBERT GWATHMEY		Report made by BENJAMIN P. MC MANUS	Typed By: mb
REASON FOR 1-2, 4, 2, 2		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C CLASSIFIED BY SP6 AG/Bury DECLASSIFY ON: 25X 4/1/97	
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The title of this report is being marked "CHANGED" to delete the alias ROBERT GWATHEMAY, which is believed to have been a misspelling of his name and not used as an alias.

REFERENCES:

Bureau letter to New York, dated 11/28/61
and report of SA FREDERICK H. STEVENS, dated
7/9/54 at New York.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The subject is not included on the Security Index
of the NYO, and his activities do not qualify him for same.

By separate communication FD 122A, the subject is
being recommended for inclusion in the Reserve Index, Section A.

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A suitable photograph of the subject is maintained in the NYO files.

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The subject's wife, ROSALIE GWATHMEY, is the subject of closed New York file 100-124015.

The subject was previously interviewed by Agents of this Bureau on 12/7/53, at which time he declined to make any comment until he consulted his attorney. He was subsequently recontacted on 1/18/54, at which time he stated that "I talked with my lawyer, and I have nothing to say". He declined to make any additional comment.

No reinterview of the subject is being recommended at this time in view of his profession as an art instructor at Cooper Union, his long sponsorship of many CP front organizations and causes, and his present activity in the US Friends of Mexico. It is felt that his present sympathies, as shown by his activities, are unchanged, and it is felt further that an interview with the subject at this time could possibly constitute a source of embarrassment to the Bureau.

The pretext telephone call on 6/29/54[✓] was conducted by SA FREDERICK H. STEVENS to the subject at his residence. The nature of the pretext is unknown.

The pretext telephone call to the subject on 2/4/59[✓] was conducted by SA GERALD P. REIDY. The nature of the pretext is unknown.

The pretext telephone call to the subject's residence

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on 11/22/60 was conducted by SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER under the guise of being a friend of the subject. The subject was not contacted personally.

The pretext telephone call on 1/17/62 was conducted by SA BENJAMIN P. MC MANUS to the Admission's Office, Cooper Union, under the guise of desiring to send art material to the subject at the college and at home.

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The sources used to characterize the organizations set forth in the Appendix pages of this report are as follows:

1. National Assembly for Democratic Rights: ✓



2. New York Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions: ✓



3. New York Council to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee: ✓



4. United States Friends of Mexico: ✓



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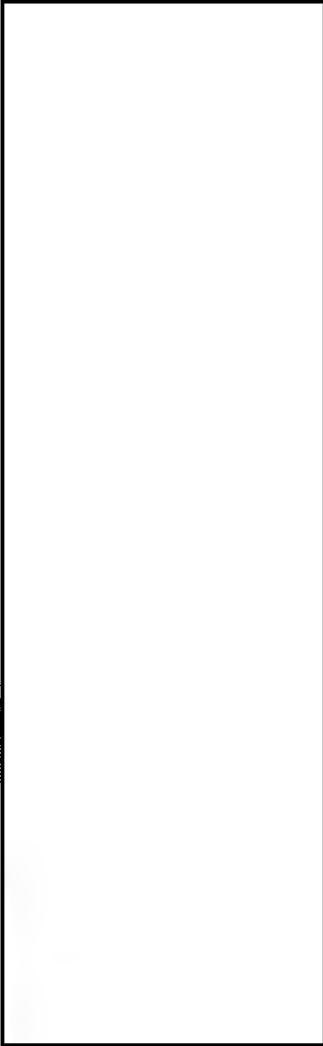
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The informants who were contacted and shown a photograph of the subject during December, 1961 and January, 1962 are as follows:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
	12/19/61	SEBASTIAN S. MIGNOSA
	12/19/61	SEBASTIAN S. MIGNOSA
	12/19/61	KARL BUCKMAN
	12/19/61	PAUL A. JOENSEN
	12/20/61	PAUL A. JOENSEN
	12/20/61	PAUL A. JOENSEN
	12/19/61	DAVID RYAN
	12/19/61	DAVID RYAN
	12/19/61	DAVID RYAN
	12/21/61	JOHN A. HAAG
	12/21/61	JOHN A. HAAG
	12/20/61	JOHN A. HAAG
	12/22/61	JOHN A. HAAG
	12/28/61	JOHN A. HAAG
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At New York, New York

Will await the Bureau's decision relative to placing the subject on RI-A, as recommended by the NYO in separate communication.

If the Bureau concurs with the NYO recommendation, this case will be placed in a closed status by New York.

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Report of: BENJAMIN P. MC MANUS
Date: 1/29/62

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File No.: NY 100-42001

Bureau File No.: 100-171543

Title: ROBERT GWATHMEY

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

The subject resides in apartment 4-C, 27 Washington Square, NYC, and is employed as an instructor, art school, Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, Fourth Ave. and Seventh St., NYC. The subject reportedly APC contact, 1954, and name and address maintained at CRC headquarters, 1956. ROBERT GWATHMEY a sponsor of ECLC art exhibit, October, 1955, and scheduled to apeak at ECLC art show, 6/13/57; was a signer of "People's Amicus Brief" on behalf of the IWO, 1952; signer of letter supporting the JSSS, 1953, and endorser of the NADR, 1961; a sponsor of the NCWASAV, 1953; a member of the NCASP, 1953 and NCASP Forum, 1955; a sponsor of the New York Council to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee, 4/21/61; associated with the SRA, 1951; active in the United States Friends of Mexico, 1961, and a member of the delegation which went to Mexico, 11/61; and was listed as Contributing Editor of "Masses and Mainstream", 4/51 to 8/56. Informants cognizant of some CP activity in the NYC area were contacted and shown a photograph of the subject during December, 1961 and January, 1962 and could furnish no information concerning him.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence:

On June 29, 1954, by means of a suitable pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), it was determined that the subject then resided at One West 68th Street, New York City.

On April 5, 1956 Mr. RAYMOND YARD, 927 Fifth Avenue, New York City, former superintendent at One West 68th Street, New York City, advised that near the end of March, 1956 the subject moved from One West 68th Street, New York City to Eight East Tenth Street, New York City.

4 * [In September, 1957, NY T-1] furnished information that on September 24, 1957 the subject sold his property at Eight East Tenth Street, New York City.

On February 4, 1959, by means of a suitable pretext by a Special Agent of the FBI, it was determined that the subject was then residing at 144 Waverly Place, New York City.

On November 22, 1960, by means of a suitable pretext by a Special Agent of the FBI, it was determined that the subject had recently moved from 144 Waverly Place, New York City to apartment 4-C, 27 Washington Square, New York City.

On January 17, 1962, by means of a suitable pretext by a Special Agent of the FBI, it was determined that the subject resides in apartment 4-C, 27 Washington Square, New York City.

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B. Employment:

On June 29, 1954, by means of a suitable pretext by a Special Agent of the FBI, it was determined that the subject was then employed as an instructor in the Art School at Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, Fourth Avenue and Seventh Street, New York, New York.

The 1959-1960 catalogue of the Art School, Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, Fourth Avenue and Seventh Street, New York City, reflected that ROBERT GWATHMEY was employed as an instructor in the art school, teaching basic courses in drawing. These courses were listed as Drawing I, II, and III, and consisted of action studies, pictorial compositions, and field research.

On January 17, 1962, by means of a suitable pretext by a Special Agent of the FBI, it was determined that the subject is an instructor in the Art School, Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, Fourth Avenue and Seventh Street, New York City.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of Affiliation With or Participation in Communist Party (CP) Front Groups:

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACFPB)

The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On April 19, 1957, NY T-2 advised that a party would be held under the auspices of the ACPFB on May 11, 1957 at the subject's home, Eight East Tenth Street, New York City. ~~X~~ 9

American Peace Crusade (APC)

The APC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

u ~~X~~ [On November 4, 1954, NY T-3 advised] that as of that date ROBERT GWATHMEY, One West 68th Street, New York City, was among contacts of the APC in the New York City area. ~~X~~ [NY T-3] was unable to elaborate on this information.

Civil Rights Congress (CRC)

The CRC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

u ~~X~~ [On January 25, 1956, NY T-4] furnished information that the subject's name and address were, at that time, maintained in the office of the CRC, located at Six East 17th Street, New York City. ~~X~~ [NY T-4] was unable to elaborate on this information.

Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC)

u A characterization of the ECLC is contained in the Appendix Section of this report.

~~X~~ [On December 29, 1955, NY T-4] furnished a leaflet entitled, "The Right to Travel", which announced an exhibit of paintings to be held in New York City, October 17 through October 30, 1955. The leaflet noted that this exhibit would be sponsored by the ECLC and also listed ROBERT GWATHMEY as one of the sponsors of the exhibit.

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[On June 7, 1957, NY T-5] furnished information that on June 13, 1957 ROBERT GWATHMEY was scheduled to speak at the Great Northern Hotel, New York City, where the ECLC was holding an art show and also a sale of paintings by artists from various parts of the country.

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[On June 18, 1957, NY T-6] furnished information that ROBERT GWATHMEY had been scheduled to speak on June 13, 1957 at an ECLC sponsored art show which had been held at the Great Northern Hotel, New York City.

International Workers' Order (IWO)

The IWO has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

It is noted that the IWO was dissolved August 31, 1954.

The "Daily Worker", issue of February 26, 1952, page 8, column 3, reported that the previous day had seen the organization of a "People's Amicus Brief", the purpose of which was to urge the New York Appellate Court to reverse its liquidation order against the IWO.

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[On April 1, 1952, NY T-7 stated] that ROBERT GWATHMEY, artist, had signed the above-mentioned amicus brief.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist daily newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS)

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The JSSS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[On December 18, 1953, NY T-8 advised] that during December, 1953 a letter was maintained in the Student Council Room of the JSSS, New York City, which listed 134 signers of

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a letter supporting the JSSS in its conflict with the United States Department of Justice and with the Subversive Activities Control Board, which were attempting to cite the JSSS as a CP front organization. [According to NY T-8] one name on this list was "ROBERT GWATHMEY, artist".

National Assembly for Democratic Rights (NADR)

A characterization of the NADR is contained in the Appendix Section of this report.

"The Worker", issue of August 13, 1961, page 1, column 2, contained an article entitled, "National Parley on Democratic Rights Called". This article read in part, "Sixty-seven outstanding progressives and liberals from eighteen states have endorsed a call for a National Assembly for Democratic Rights, to be held September 23-24, 1961 at the St. Nicholas Center, 69 West 66th Street, New York City". This article then listed "ROBERT GWATHMEY, artist" among the endorsers of the assembly. According to this article the purpose of the rally was to demand a reversal or non-application of the Supreme Court decision regarding the Smith Act of 1940 and the McCarran Act.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

On August 14, 1961, NY T-9 furnished a four-page leaflet entitled, "A Call to Action in Defense of the Constitution of the United States for the preservation of the Bill of Rights", which reflected that a National Assembly for Democratic Rights would be held Saturday and Sunday, September 23-24, 1961 at the St. Nicholas Arena, 69 West 66th Street, New York City. Page 1 of this leaflet set forth the names of persons comprising a partial list of sponsors of the assembly. One name on this list was "ROBERT GWATHMEY, New York, New York". X u

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National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims (NCWASAV)

The NCWASAV has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

u & [On December 10, 1953, NY T-10] furnished information which reflected that ROBERT GWATHMEY was a sponsor of the NCWASAV.

New York Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions (NYCASP)

A characterization of the NYCASP is contained in the Appendix Section of this report under the caption National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions (NCASP).

u & [On December 1, 1953, NY T-11] furnished information that "Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT GWATHMEY, One West 68th Street, New York City" were, at that time, active members of the NYCASP.

u & [On November 4, 1955, NY T-12] furnished information which reflected that on an unknown date ROBERT GWATHMEY, One West 68th Street, New York City, signed a protest of the NCASP, which supported a resolution condemning any armed aggression against the country of Guatemala.

The "National Guardian", issue of July 18, 1955, page 5, contained an article entitled, "ASP Sunday Forums Have Begun". This article noted that the ASP starlight forums had opened and that during August, 1955 the forum would present ROBERT GWATHMEY and other guest speakers. The article noted that the reader should call the NYCASP, 35 West 64th Street, New York City, for information.

A characterization of the "National Guardian" is contained in the Appendix Section of this report.

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u
C [On July 21, 1955, NY T-11] furnished an announcement of the NCASP, which stated that a series of ASP "starlight forums" would be held at 59 West 71st Street, New York City during July and August, 1955. It is noted that ROBERT GWATHMEY would be among the guest speakers during these forums.

New York Council to Abolish the
Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC)

A characterization of the NYCAUAC is contained in the Appendix Section of this report.

The "National Guardian", issue of April 17, 1961, page 4, column 1, contained an advertisement entitled, "Rally to Abolish the HCUA". This ad noted that a rally would be held on April 21, 1961 at the St. Nicholas Arena, 69 West 66th Street, New York City, under the auspices of the NYCAUAC. Listed as one of the sponsors of the rally in this advertisement was "ROBERT GWATHMEY, artist".

Spanish Refugee Appeal (SRA)

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A characterization of the SRA is contained in the Appendix Section of this report.

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C [In April, 1951, NY T-13 advised] that a check dated April 3, 1951 in the amount of \$55.00, payable to ROBERT GWATHMEY of the SRA, was drawn on the account of the Polish delegation to the United Nations, Chase Manhattan Bank, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. This check was subsequently endorsed by the Amalgamated Bank of New York City.

The above source no longer has custody of the bank document from which the information was obtained.

The above is not to be made public except in the usual proceeding, following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

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United States Friends of Mexico (USFM)

u A characterization of the USFM is contained in the Appendix Section of this report.

u [On November 8, 1961, NY T-14 advised] that information had been received from the organization USFM that a delegation would leave New York City on November 7, 1961 en route to Mexico City, Mexico, to convey to the President of Mexico the great concern of the American people at the continued imprisonment of Mexico's great artist, DAVID ALFARO SEQUEIROS. u [NY T-14 continued] that ROBERT GWATHMEY, the artist, would be a member of the USFM delegation.

The "National Guardian", issue of November 13, 1961, page 5, contained an advertisement entitled, "Demonstrate for SEQUEIROS!". This advertisement called for a mass demonstration against the inhuman and illegal imprisonment of the Mexican artist, SEQUEIROS, which was to be held Saturday, November 11, 1961 at the United Nations Plaza. This ad noted that Dr. CORLISS FLAMONT; attorney, STANLEY FAULKNER; and artist, ROBERT GWATHMEY flew to Mexico City November 7, 1961 to carry the appeal to Mexican authorities.

The "New York Guild Lawyer", September, 1960 issue, which is self-described as a publication of the NLG, sets forth the persons and members of the National Executive Board of the National Lawyers' Guild (NLG) elected at the convention in July, 1960. STANLEY FAULKNER was listed as a member of the Executive Board of the NLG from New York.

A characterization of the NLG is contained in the Appendix Section of this report.

On September 28, 1953 LOUIS BUDENZ testified before the United States Senate Permanent

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Subcommittee on Investigation of the Committee on Government Operations. In this testimony BUDENZ stated that EARL BROWDER, as head of the CP in the United States, had referred to CORLISS LAMONT as one of the four "prides" of the CP because LAMONT was always ready to co-operate with any CP front or any CP cause. BROWDER made this reference at a national committee meeting of the CP, held in the early 1940's. BUDENZ also testified that CORLISS LAMONT was a member of the CP when he, BUDENZ, was also a member prior to 1945.

"The Worker", issue of November 19, 1961, page 7, column 2, contained an article entitled, "Americans Visit Mexico President, Plead for SEQUEIROS". This article read in part, "a delegation of three prominent Americans left for Mexico City last Tuesday morning to present to President LOPEZ MATOS the protests of millions of Americans over the brutal and illegal imprisonment of DAVID SEQUEIROS, world-renowned artist...The delegation consisted of CORLISS LAMONT, author; ROBERT GWATHMEY, artist, and STANLEY FAULKNER, attorney."

The "National Guardian", issue of November 20, 1961, page 4, column 3, contained a photograph entitled, "A delegation from the United States Visits SEQUEIROS in Mexico". The caption under the photograph showed ROBERT GWATHMEY, CORLISS LAMONT, and STANLEY FAULKNER talking to SEQUEIROS and stated that from November 8 to November 10, 1961 a special committee of inquiry from the United States went to Mexico City to investigate the imprisonment of SEQUEIROS. It pointed out that LAMONT, FAULKNER, and GWATHMEY were committee members representing the USFM

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and stated that on their return to the United States they would write an urgent appeal to Prime Minister NEHRU of India to intercede in this matter.

B. Miscellaneous Activities:

The "Daily Worker", issue of October 20, 1954, page 2, columns 1-4, contained an article entitled, "One hundred seventy-five Notables, in Open Letter to President, Urge Amnesty for Smith Act Victims". This article contained a letter to President EISENHOWER signed by 175 persons, one of whom was ROBERT GWATHMEY.

The "Daily Worker", issue of August 8, 1955, page 8, column 3, contained an article entitled, "Seventy-three Leading Citizens Urge EISENHOWER Not to Press Smith Act Prosecutions". This article contained a copy of a letter to President EISENHOWER asking for a review of the Smith Act. It was signed by seventy-three persons, one of whom was ROBERT GWATHMEY.

A review of the Monday issues of the publication "Masses and Mainstream", for the period April 15, 1951 through August, 1956, reflected that ROBERT GWATHMEY was listed on the inside front cover of each issue as one of the contributing editors of the publication.

A characterization of "Masses and Mainstream" is contained in the Appendix Section of this report.

The "Daily Worker", issue of March 11, 1955, page 4, column 2, contained an article entitled, "Call State Parley to Defend Foreign Born". This article noted that fifty-six prominent New York State residents had accepted a call for a New York conference to defend the rights of the foreign-born Americans. The article listed ROBERT GWATHMEY as a sponsor of this conference, to be held on March 19, 1955 at the Yugoslav-American Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City.

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The Yugoslav-American Hall, Incorporated, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

u & [On May 14, 1957, NY T-15] furnished a mimeographed leaflet announcing that "a meeting of the friends and foes of the 'National Guardian' would be held on May 25, 1957 at the home of BOB and ROSALIE GWATHMEY, Eight East Tenth Street, New York City."

On May 23, 1957 the above information was also furnished by NY T-16. & u

u [On November 4, 1957, NY T-17] furnished information that ROBERT GWATHMEY, Eight East Tenth Street, New York City, was, at that time, a current subscriber to the publication "Masses and Mainstream". & u

C. Information Regarding Subject's Wife, ROSALIE GWATHMEY:

u & [On January 29, 1949, NY T-18 advised] that on January 12, 1949 ROSALIE GWATHMEY attended a party of the Photo Club of the CP, held at the Village Vanguard on Seventh Avenue, near Charles Street, New York City. [NY T-18 continued] that ROSALIE GWATHMEY was a CP member at that time. *res. 327 Wash. Square, apt 4-c, New York, NY* & u

On February 12, 1951, NY T-19 furnished information that ROSALIE GWATHMEY, One West 68th Street, New York City, had paid \$3.25 for a subscription to the "Daily Worker" and for "The Worker" on February 7 (year not given). & u

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants cognizant of some CP activity in the New York City area were contacted and shown a photograph of the subject during December, 1961 and January, 1962 and could furnish no information concerning him.

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EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee:

"Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

- "1. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these fronts offer a bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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"MASSES AND MAINSTREAM"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning 'Masses and Mainstream':

"Masses and Mainstream*

- "1. Cited as the successor to New Masses, 'a Communist magazine.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1953 on the Congress of American Women, April 26, 1950, originally released October 23, 1949, p. 75; also cited in House Report 1694 on Organized Communism in the United States, May 28, 1954, originally released August 19, 1953, p. 98.)"

* Name changed to Mainstream with September 1956 issue of this publication.

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

A source advised on August 23, 1961, that as the result of a meeting of the National Executive Committee (NEC), Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), held on June 10-11, 1961, and other meetings of Communist Party (CP) functionaries concerning CP efforts to combat the June 5, 1961, decisions of the United States Supreme Court upholding the Internal Security Act of 1950, and the membership provision of the Smith Act, the National Assembly for Democratic Rights (NADR), was organized. The NADR came into being in order to fulfill the need of the CP to hold a defense conference. *CU*

According to the source, the NADR scheduled an assembly for September 23-24, 1961, at St. Nicholas Arena, New York, New York. A number of individuals, described at the NEC meeting in June, 1961, as being characteristic of a national body of liberals and progressives, who should be approached and convinced to take the leadership in organizing such a national conference, were secured as initiating sponsors of the NADR. *CU*

The source further advised that the NADR was advertised as a single action undertaking, and an office was opened in Room 703, 118 East 28th Street, New York City. JOSEPH BRANDT, a CP member was placed in charge of dissemination of literature for the NADR. (U)

A second source advised on September 23-24, 1961, that the NADR was held as scheduled, and followed the general line of condemning the Internal Security Act of 1950 and the Smith Act, and called for non-enforcement of these Acts. Included among the speakers was BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr., National Secretary, CPUSA.

A third source advised on October 11, 1961, that at a meeting of the CPUSA National Board held on that date, the future of the NADR as an organization was discussed, and it was indicated that the NADR would continue to participate in the defense activities of the CP. *CU*

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS (CONT'D)

The first source advised on December 13, 1961, that JOSEPH BRANDT stated in early December, 1961, that although the NADR office remains open, there are no plans for the future of the NADR, other than obtaining names for petitions calling for a reversal of the Smith Act and Internal Security Act of 1950. BRANDT indicated that the major portion of this work would be handled by the initiating sponsors, and that the NADR for all practical purposes is discontinuing.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS,
SCIENCES, AND PROFESSIONS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions:

"National Council of the Arts,
Sciences, and Professions

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Committee on Un-American Activities,
House Report 1954 on the Scientific
and Cultural Conference for World Peace
arranged by the National Council of the
Arts, Sciences, and Professions and held
in New York City on March 25, 26, and
27, 1949, April 26, 1950, originally
released April 19, 1949, p. 2.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which is
'used to appeal to special occupational
groups * * *'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the
Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook
for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23,
1956, p. 91.)"

On 2/26/54 a source provided a copy of the by-laws of the New York Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. These by-laws, dated 1/31/54, contained the following:

"This organization shall be affiliated with the
National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions."

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NATIONAL GUARDIAN

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. * * * Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12)"

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NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Lawyers' Guild":

"National Lawyers' Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers' Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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THE NEW YORK COUNCIL TO
ABOLISH THE UN-AMERICAN
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

On March 9, 1961, a source advised that the New York Council To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC), 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was formed at a meeting held in New York City on November 17, 1960. This organization was founded principally through the efforts of FRANK WILKINSON, Field Representative of the National Committee To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

A second source advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

The "National Guardian" in January 16, 1961, issue, page 7, column 1, contained an article which states that the NYCAUAC has only one objective: "to help the National Committee as vigorously as possible in its endeavors to mobilize the American people in a campaign to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities."

A third source furnished on March 9, 1961, a prospectus of the NCAUAC prepared principally by FRANK WILKINSON, which in reference to "local abolition committees" stated that these committees may identify and coordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with NCAUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent program as possible. The prospectus also stated that the NYCAUAC was responsible for coordinating abolition activities on the Atlantic coast.

Various sources have advised in April, 1961, that Communist Party members in the New York City area have been solicited to support activities of the NYCAUAC during attendance at Communist Party club meetings.

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SPANISH REFUGEE APPEAL

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning Spanish Refugee Appeal:

- "1. Cited as a 'subsidiary' of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, through which the JAFRC 'engaged in political activity instead of confining its operation under the Presidential directive by which they operate ***.'
- "2. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the *** Spanish Refugee Appeal. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91)"

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U. S. FRIENDS OF MEXICO

A source on November 9, 1961, made available a mimeographed letter dated November 6, 1961, on the stationery of the U.S. Friends of Mexico, Box 73, Village Station, New York 14, New York, signed by BETTY MILLARD, Secretary.

A second source on August 25, 1961, advised that P.O. Box 73, Village Station, 150 Christopher Street, New York 14, N. Y., was rented on April 17, 1961, by the U.S. Friends of Mexico, BETTY MILLARD, Secretary-Treasurer, 57 Charles Street, NYC.

The 1961-1962 New York City Telephone Directory (Manhattan), lists BETTY MILLARD at 57 Charles Street.

A third source during February, 1953, advised that BETTY MILLARD was a member of the Commission of Latin American Affairs of the Communist Party, USA.

A fourth source on January 10, 1956, advised that BETTY MILLARD was then a member of the new enlarged Communist Party club being organized in the Greenwich Village area of New York City.

A fifth source during November, 1961, advised that during a press conference held by a representative of the U.S. Friends of Mexico, on November 10, 1961, at the Hotel Regis, Mexico City, Mexico, the organization was described as being located in New York City, with the objective to fight in all countries of the world for civil liberties, and that a committee had come to Mexico to fight for the liberty of DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS.

A sixth source has advised that DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS was formerly President of the Political Committee of the Partido Comunista Mexicano - PCM (Mexican Communist Party) prior to his arrest and imprisonment on August 9, 1960. According to this source, SIQUEIROS is a national leader of the PCM currently and is also a member of the National Committee of the PCM.

The published statutes of the PCM state: "The Communist Party of Mexico has as its final objectives to construct socialism and to build the Communist society in Mexico."

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Benjamin P. McManus, dated and captioned as above at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

u x [NY T-12,] who was in a position to furnish reliable information.

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1. ☐ Subject's name is being recommended for inclusion in Section A of the Reserve Index.
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3. ☒ The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card are current.
4. ☐ Changes on the Section A Reserve Index Card are necessary and Form FD-122a has been submitted to the Bureau.
5. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
6. ☐ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
7. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
8. ☒ This report is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ because (state reason) **it contains information from sources of continuing value, such as NY T-1 through NY T-4, the unauthorized disclosure of which would be detrimental to the national defense of the United States.**
9. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) **of his profession as an art instructor at Cooper Union and his long-time sponsorship of many CP front organizations. It is also felt that an interview with subject could possibly become a source of embarrassment to the Bureau.**
10. ☐ This case no longer meets the Section A Reserve Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Section A Reserve Index card.
11. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Reserve Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) **he is listed as a sponsor of the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee, September, 1963; and is, at least, a person of interest to the Permanent Student Committee For Travel to Cuba, NYC, September, 1963.**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: EDWARD J. MULHOLLAND Office: New York, New York
Date: 12/20/63

Field Office File #: 100-42001 Bureau File #: 100-171543

Title: ROBERT GWATHMEY

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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Synopsis:

Subject resides at 27 Washington Square, NYC, and is employed as an instructor, Art School, Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, 4th Ave. and 7th St., NYC. Subject reportedly participated in picket demonstration held by Artists Committee to Free Siqueiros, NYC, 3/17/62; was speaker at "National Guardian" sponsored luncheon, 4/2/63, NYC; was listed as a sponsor of NCAHUAC in September, 1963; and is known to a member of Permanent Student Committee For Travel to Cuba as a contact for funds, September, 1963. ~~XX~~

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DETAILSI. BACKGROUND

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A. Residence and Employment

On December 5, 1963, by means of a suitable pretext conducted by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), it was determined that ROBERT GWATHMEY, resides in apartment 4-C, 27 Washington Square, New York, New York, and is employed as an instructor in the Art School, Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, Fourth Avenue and Seventh Street, New York, New York.

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE
COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of Affiliation With or Participation
in Communist Party (CP) Front Groups

Artist's Committee to Free Siqueiros (ACFS)

A characterization of ACFS is contained in the Appendix section of this report.

u [In March, 1962, NY T-1 advised] that ROBERT GWATHMEY participated in a picket demonstration held by the ACFS at United Nations Plaza on March 17, 1962.

"National Guardian"

A characterization of the "National Guardian" is contained in the Appendix section of this report.

u [In April, 1963, NY T-2 advised] that ROBERT GWATHMEY was one of the speakers and the conductor of the fund raising period at the luncheon and fashion show sponsored by the "National Guardian" at the Hotel Plaza, New York, New York, on April 2, 1963.

National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NCAHUAC)

A characterization of the NCAHUAC is contained in the Appendix section of this report.

In June, 1963, NY T-3 advised that the name, "ROBERT GWATHMEY, 27 Washington Sq., New York City (NCAHUAC Fund. Asst.)" was on a list marked "NCAHUAC - Special Mailing (4/27-28-Chicago Mtg.)". u

u [In September, 1963, NY T-4 advised] that "ROBERT GWATHMEY, NYC - Artist, New York" was listed as a sponsor of NCAHUAC as of September 1, 1963.

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Permanent Student Committee For Travel
to Cuba (PSCTC)

A characterization of PSCTC is contained
in the Appendix section of this report.

In September, 1963, NY T-5 advised that on September 13, 1963, CHARLES ROSEN, who identified himself as a member of PSCTC, contacted ISADORE NEEDLEMAN and advised NEEDLEMAN that the PSCTC needed funds to pay for a bus that had remained in Washington, D.C., overnight on the night of September 12, 1963, in order to transport PSCTC ^{members} back to New York City. ROSEN advised NEEDLEMAN that the PSCTC members had gone to Washington to attend a House Committee on Un-American Activities ^{session}. NEEDLEMAN advised ROSEN that he did not have any money to help out the PSCTC. NY T-5 advised that ROSEN then stated to ROSEN that he could probably have received the money from Mr. GWATHMEY or one other person "but both were out of town." *fu*

u X [During 1957 and 1958, NY T-5 and NY T-6] furnished the following information concerning ISADORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN.

NEEDLEMAN is a practicing attorney in New York City. He was formerly employed by the Amtorg Trading Corporation (ATC), the registered Russian Trade Agency in the United States in a legal capacity, and he continues to represent this agency from time to time. NEEDLEMAN has represented current and former members of the Communist Party before Congressional Committees and in the courts and has served as a custodian of Communist Party funds. NEEDLEMAN has described himself as favoring strict adherence to Marxist-Leninist doctrines and has actively participated in the solicitation of a fund to promote Marxist study and research. *fu*

Miscellaneous

The "National Guardian" issue of October 31, 1963, page 11, contained an article entitled "Guardian Peace Tour; 150 noted Americans Welcoming Yasui". This article lists the name of ROBERT GWATHMEY among the names of "scientists, educators, artists, religious leaders, spokesmen for peace,

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civil rights, labor and public figures", in a welcoming committee "for the leader of the Japanese peace movement, Professor KAORU YASUI, who will make a ten day peace tour of the United States under Guardian auspices November 16-27."

Informants cognizant of certain phases of CP activity in the New York City area were contacted and shown a photograph of the subject in November, 1963, and could furnish no information concerning him.

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APPENDIX

ARTISTS' COMMITTEE TO FREE SIQUEIROS

A source reported that in January, 1962, the name of the United States Friends of Mexico was changed to Artists' Committee to Free Siqueiros. In May, 1963, the source reported BETTY MILLARD was listed as Secretary of the organization.

A second source advised that at a press conference held by representatives of the United States Friends of Mexico on November 10, 1961, at Mexico City, Mexico, the organization was described as being located in all countries of the world for civil liberties and that the Committee had come to Mexico to fight for the liberty of DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS.

A third source advised that DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS was formerly President of the political committee of the Partido Comunista Mexicana - PCM (Mexican Communist Party) prior to his arrest and imprisonment on August 9, 1960. SIQUEIROS was a national leader of the PCM which according to published statements has as its purpose to construct socialism and Communist activities in Mexico.

A fourth source reported that on March 17, 1962, due to the number of artists joining the United States Friends of Mexico, the name was changed to Artists' Committee to Free Siqueiros. MILLARD stated that the group would have the same people in the organization working for the same purpose.

ETHEL KLEIN NEWTON, an admitted member of the Communist Party, identified BETTY MILLARD as a Communist Party member in 1956.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH
THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" issued December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, page 115, contains the following citation regarding the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

"Cited as a 'new organization' set up in the summer of 1960 to lead and direct the Communist Party's 'Operation Abolition' campaign. Seven of the national leaders of this group have been identified as Communists.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1278 on the Truth About the Film 'Operation Abolition,' Part 1, October 3, 1961, p. 5.)"

A source has advised that the NCAUAC changed its name on March 3, 1962, to include the word "House" in its name, thereby becoming known as the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly * * *. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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APPENDIX

PERMANENT STUDENT COMMITTEE FOR
TRAVEL TO CUBA, Formerly Known as
The Ad Hoc Student Committee for
Travel to Cuba

"The Columbia Owl," a weekly student newspaper of Columbia University, New York City, December 13, 1962, issue, page 1, contained an article entitled "Students to Visit Cuba During Holidays." This article stated in part that the Ad Hoc Student Committee for Travel to Cuba was formed October 14, 1962, by a group of students from New York City universities, the University of Wisconsin, Oberlin College, and the University of North Carolina, who stated that as students they would like a chance to see and evaluate the situation in Cuba for themselves and had received an offer of transportation and two weeks stay in Cuba from the Federation of University Students in Havana as guests of the Federation. The committee accepted the offer and applied to the United States State Department for passport validation which was refused; however, over 50 students planned to defy the State Department ban and go to Cuba.

A source advised on December 6, 1962, that during December, 1962, it was learned that the Ad Hoc Student Committee for Travel to Cuba had recently been formed by the "Progressive Labor" group.

"Progressive Labor," Volume 11, Number 1, issue of January, 1963, page 11, in an article captioned "State Dept. Pulls Strings to Keep U. S. Students from Cuba" states that "For more information on the Cuban Trip contact the Ad Hoc Committee for Travel to Cuba, 42 St. Marks Place, New York 3, NY."

A second source advised on April 24, 1963, that a party sponsored by the Permanent Student Committee for Travel to Cuba was held on April 20, 1963, in New York City. At this party it was announced that the Ad Hoc Student Committee for Travel to Cuba is now known as the Permanent Student Committee for Travel to Cuba.

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The same source further advised that at this party it was announced that the committee had received a cable from the Federation of University Students in Havana inviting the students to spend the month of July, 1963, in Cuba, and a new trip was planned whereby the students would leave New York City the last weekend of June, 1963, for Canada and travel by plane from Canada to Cuba.

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REFERENCE

Rerep of SA BENJAMIN P. MC MANUS, 1/29/62, at NY.

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Subject's wife ROSALIE GWATHMEY is the subject of closed NY file 100-124015.

The pretext on 12/5/63, was conducted by SA EDWARD J. MULHOLLAND and was a telephone call to subject's wife, ROSALIE. Pretext was in the nature of an artists supplies salesman desiring to know if subject would be interested in a new catalogue of art supplies.

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December 20, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title Robert Gwathmey

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Reference is made to the report of Special
Agent Edward J. Mulholland and dated and captioned as above
at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-117844) (P)

SUBJECT: MARK LANE
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ReButel, 2/26/64. Reference is also made to NY airtel dated 2/20/64, entitled "LEE HARVEY OSWALD; IS - R", (NY 105-38431; Bufile 105-82555) which set forth the proceedings at the 2/18/64 meeting at Town Hall, NYC, featuring subject and Mrs. MARGUERITE C. OSWALD.

The attention of the Bureau is called to page 50, last paragraph of referenced airtel which deals with an answer by LANE to a question from the audience. LANE stated that "we're putting together citizens committees of inquiry in every city in the country. We have one functioning and the National Office will function here, at this time, in New York City." He stated "they" would continue to raise the issues in the case and asked all interested persons in the hall to fill out cards and/or forms which they would find in the hall.

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(1-100-171543) (ROBERT GWATHMEY)
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1-New York (105-38431) (LEE HARVEY OSWALD) (312)
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The "National Guardian" issue of 2/27/64, page 9, col. 2, contained an item reading: "Help needed in inquiry - The New York Citizens Committee of Inquiry, one of almost a dozen groups organized across the country by Mark Lane, defense counsel for Lee Oswald, has issued a call for voluntary help, funds and responsible information to further its efforts to reveal the facts about the slaying of President Kennedy. The New York group, clearing house for all the committees, is located at 164 West 79th St., Apt. 11-B, SU 7-6797".

It is noted that subject currently resides at 164 West 79th St., NYC.

On 3/3/64, [redacted]

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and whose identity is to be protected, advised SA ANTHONY E. CONSTANTINO on a confidential basis that on 3/3/64, subject and ROBERT GWATHMEY, representing the Citizens Committee of Inquiry, appeared at the bank to open a checking account under the name Citizens Committee of Inquiry. According to [redacted] this Committee will be located at 156 Fifth Ave., NYC. He furnished necessary bank forms to LANE and GWATHMEY and stated he would notify the NYO at the time the account is actually opened.

ROBERT GWATHMEY (NY 100-42001; Bufile 100-171543) is carried on RI-A of the NYO. He resides at 27 Washington Square, NYC, and is employed as an instructor at the Cooper Union For The Advancement of Science and Art, Art School, 4th Ave. and 7th St., NYC.

Two copies of this communication are being furnished to the Dallas Division for purposes of information in view of their interest in this matter.

Investigation set forth in Bureau teletype, 2/26/64, is being continued by the NYO.

The Bureau is requested to advise the NYO re the desirability of active investigation being conducted re Citizens Committee of Inquiry at this time.

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ReNYairtel dated 3/5/64, which reflected subject's activities in the formation of the organization Citizens Committee of Inquiry.

On 3/9/64,

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who has furnished reliable information in the past, and whose identity is to be protected, furnished to SA ANTHONY E. CONSTANTINO information concerning the bank account of the Citizens Committee of Inquiry (CCI).

This account was opened as a regular checking account on 3/4/64, having account number 089-018915. The address of the CCI was given as 156 Fifth Ave., NYC, Room 422, telephone number YU 9-6850. The organization was described as non-profit and the initial deposit was \$228 in the form of various checks.

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The Certificate of Officers reflected the following as officers of the CCI:

MARK LANE	-	Chairman
ROBERT GWATHMEY	-	Treasurer
DEIRDRE GRISWOLD	-	Secretary

These records reflected that either the Chairman or the Treasurer may sign checks and other documents for transactions in this account.

The above information is not to be made public in the absence of the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The person to be subpoenaed re this account is Mr. JAMES SIRUBI, Assistant Manager, Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, Fifth Ave. and 20th St., NYC.

As set forth in reairtel, ROBERT GWATHMEY (NYfile 100-42001; Bufile 100-171543) is carried on RI-A of the NYO.

DEIRDRE THADDEUS GRISWOLD (NYfile 100-136294; Bufile 100-389432) is carried on the SI of the NYO. She resides at 601 West 115th St., NYC, and is employed as Editorial Assistant, American Institute of Physics, 335 East 45th St., NYC.

Two copies of this communication are being furnished to Dallas in view of their interest in this matter.

Investigation continuing at New York.

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1 - Mr. Branigan; 1 - Mr. Sizoo

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

ON

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to my letter to you dated February 26, 1964, regarding your request for this Bureau to provide coverage of the public appearances of Mark Lane and Marguerite Oswald.

During the public appearance of Mark Lane at a meeting sponsored by the "National Guardian" at Town Hall in New York City on February 18, 1964, Lane stated that committees of inquiry into the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy would be organized throughout the country. Lane stated that the national office of the Citizens Committee for Inquiry would be located in New York City.

ENCLOSURE

The "National Guardian" issue of February 27, 1964, contained an article seeking help for the New York Citizens Committee of Inquiry organized by Lane to reveal the facts about the slaying of the late President Kennedy. The address for the New York group was listed as 164 West 79th Street, Apartment 11B, which is the residence of Lane. This Bureau has since learned that the address of the Citizens Committee of Inquiry is now listed as 150 Fifth Avenue, Room 422, New York City. The organization has described itself as a nonprofit group with Mark Lane as Chairman, Robert Gwathmey as Treasurer, and Deirdre Griswold as Secretary.

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There are enclosed for your information two copies of two communications dated March 13, 1964, at Washington, D. C., concerning the subversive backgrounds of Gwathmey and Griswold. You have previously been furnished information regarding the subversive background of Lane.

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

In the absence of a specific request from the President's Commission, this Bureau is not initiating an investigation of the Citizens Committee of Inquiry at this time. However, information about this organization coming to our attention which we believe would be of interest will be furnished to the Commission.

Upon removal of the classified enclosures, this letter becomes unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)

NOTE:

See memorandum Branigan to Sullivan 3-13-64, "LEE HARVEY OSWALD, INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA," WAB:hrt.

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ROBERT GWATHNEY

Gwathney was born January 24, 1903, in Richmond, Virginia. He resides at Apartment 4C, 27 Washington Square, New York City, and is employed as an instructor in the Art School, Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, 4th Avenue and 7th Street, New York City.

Gwathney's history of subversive activity extends from at least 1941 to the present. During 1941 and 1942 while employed as art instructor at the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he was alleged to be a communist sympathizer and was reported to have attended union meetings, allegedly communist dominated, held in an attempt to organize the Works Progress Administration art project. These meetings were held both at Gwathney's residence and at the homes of two known Communist Party (CP) members in Pittsburgh. During the above-mentioned period, Gwathney was on the mailing list of the Contemporary Book Shop, the official CP bookstore in Pittsburgh, and lectured at the Contemporary Book Shop on at least two occasions. X(u)

In January, 1941, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Gwathney was then a member of the CP who was believed to be assigned to the artists unit of the CP. In 1951 Louis Budenz, former managing editor of the "Daily Worker," a communist newspaper which has ceased publication, stated that prior to 1945 when Budenz left the CP Gwathney cooperated with the Cultural Commission of the CP by recruiting artists and other professionals for communist front groups and was himself a member of a number of such groups.

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Robert Gwathmey

During the period from 1947 to 1951, Gwathmey was associated in some manner with the following organizations, publications and endeavors which have been cited as subversive by the Attorney General of the United States, the House Committee on Un-American Activities or informants who have furnished reliable information in the past:

American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Incorporated	1947	Sponsor
American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born	1951	Signer of open letter to Attorney General
American Labor Party	1946-1948	Member
American Peace Cusade	1951	Sponsor
Bill of Rights Conference	1949	Sponsor
Civil Rights Congress National Conference	1947	Sponsor
Committee to End the "Jim Crow Silver-Gold" System in the Panama Canal Zone	1948	Signer of Petition to President Truman
National Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the Twelve Communist Party Leaders	1948	Sponsor
Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace	1949	Sponsor
"Daily Worker"	1948-1949	Subscriber

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Robert Gwathmey

International Workers Order	1951	Signer of Amicus Curiae brief
Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee	1950	Signer of appeal to President Truman
Jefferson School of Social Science	1949	Contributor
"Masses and Mainstream"	1948	Contributing editor
May Day Committee	1951	Directed activities and participated in parade
National Council of American-Soviet Friendship	1948	Signer of statement denouncing film "The Iron Curtain"
Peace Information Center	1951	Signer of statement endorsing World Peace Appeal

During the period 1951 to 1961, Gwathmey was associated in some manner with the following organizations, publications and endeavors which have been cited as subversive by the Attorney General of the United States, the House Committee on Un-American Activities or informants who have furnished reliable information in the past:

American Peace Crusade	1953	Signer of open letter to President Eisenhower calling for cease fire in Korea
	1954	Contact

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Robert Gwathmey

American Committee for
Protection of Foreign Born

1952

Sponsor

1957

Party held
at subject's
home

American Veterans for Peace

1952

Sponsor veteran's
art show

Emergency Civil Liberties
Committee (ECLC)

1955

Sponsor of ECLC
exhibit of
paintings

1957

Speaker at ECLC
sponsored art
show

Jefferson School of
Social Science (JSBS)

1953

Signer of letter
supporting JSBS
against Subver-
sive Activities
Control Board
action

National Assembly for
Democratic Rights

1961

Sponsor

National Committee to
Win Amnesty for Smith
Act Victims

1953

Sponsor

New York Council of Arts,
Sciences and Professions

1953

Member

New York Council to Abolish
the Un-American Activities
Committee

1961

Sponsor of
rally

Spanish Refugee Appeal

1951

Contributed \$85

United States Friends
of Mexico

1961

Member of
Delegation to
Mexico regarding
imprisonment of
artist David
Siqueiros

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Robert Gwathmey

"Masses and Mainstream"

1961 through
1967

Contributing
editor

During the period from 1961 to the present time, Gwathmey has taken part in the following activities:

He participated in a picket demonstration held by the Artists Committee to Free Siqueiros at United Nations Plaza, New York City, on March 17, 1962.

In April of 1963, Gwathmey was one of the speakers and the conductor of the fund-raising period at the luncheon and fashion show sponsored by the "National Guardian" at the Hotel Plaza in New York City. The "National Guardian" has been described by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as having manifested itself from its beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia. X(u)

In June of 1963, Gwathmey's name and address were on a special mailing list of the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee and in September of 1963 Gwathmey was listed as a sponsor of that organization. X(u)

It is noted that during the period from 1947 to 1963 the "Daily Worker," "The Worker," a communist publication, and the "National Guardian" contained innumerable articles concerning Gwathmey's activities which mentioned his name in a complimentary manner.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the above information was furnished by sources who have furnished reliable information in the past.

NOTE:

Gwathmey's name is included in the Reserve Index, Section A. This memorandum has been classified "~~Confidential~~" since it contains information from informants of continuing value which information if disclosed could compromise these informants.

Enclosure to letter to Honorable J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel, The President's Commission, dated 2/16/64.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile - 100-171543)

DATE: 11-15-66

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-42001)

SUBJECT: ROBERT GWATHMEY
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(OO: NEW YORK)Cards UTD
Cards Sent 00
11/22/66
NHW

Re: _____

☐ It is recommended that a "Section A" Reserve Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.☒ The "Section A" Reserve Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

Name			
Aliases			
☐ Native Born		☐ Naturalized	
☐ Communist		☐ Socialist Workers Party	
☐ Miscellaneous (specify) _____			
Date of birth	Place of birth	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)			
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Key Facility Data			
Geographical Reference Number		Responsibility	
Interested Agencies			
Residence Address			

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE NOV 22 1967	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/9-13/67
TITLE OF CASE ROBERT GWATHMEY		REPORT MADE BY DANIEL F. O'CONNOR	TYPED BY pc
CLASSIFIED DECISIONS FINALIZED BY DEPARTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC) DATE: 11/12/97 SP0AG/Bwy (920874) 12/8/97		CHARACTER OF CASE SM-C 920874 CLASSIFIED BY SP0AG/Bwy DECLASSIFY ON: 25X 4/4/97	

REFERENCE:

Report of SA EDWARD J. MULHOLLAND dated 12/20/63, at NY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Subject's wife, ROSALIE GWATHMEY, is the subject of closed NY file 100-124015.

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INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source

File number where located

NY T-1

Instant report

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED

CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐ NO

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INFORMANTS CON'T

[Redacted]

NY T-2

Instant report

[Redacted]

NY T-3

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[Redacted]

NY T-4

NY 100-159754-18 p.2

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NY T-5

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The informants referred to in the Miscellaneous section of instant report are the following:

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in Section ☒ A or ☐ B of the Reserve Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Section A Reserve Index Card are necessary and Form FD-122a has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☒ This report is classified ~~Confidential~~ because (state reason) it contains information from sources of continuing value, [such as NY-T-3 through NY T-5] the unauthorized disclosure of which would be detrimental to the national defense of the United States. u
7. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) of his position as art instructor at Cooper Union and his long-time and continuing sponsorship of many CP front organizations. Additionally it is submitted that an interview of the subject could possibly become a source of embarrassment to the Bureau.
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Section A Reserve Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Section A Reserve Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Reserve Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) he was listed as a sponsor of the National Committee to Abolish the House Unamerican Activities Committee, September, 1963; was, at least a person of interest to the Permanent Student Committee for Travel to Cuba, NYC, September, 1963, (Report of SA EDWARD J. MULHOLLAND, 12/20/63, NY). He furnished

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works of art for a Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties art show, December, 1966; was listed as member of Committee of Sponsors for dinner in tribute to Dr. EDWARD K. BARSKY on the 30th anniversary of the War in Spain in Febraury, 1967; was listed as one of sponsors for the banquet held in celebration of the 45th anniversary of The Worker held October, 1967. (Instant report)

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Copy to:

Report of: DANIEL F. O'CONNOR
Date: NOV 22 1967

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #: 100-42001

Bureau File #: 100-171543

Title: ROBERT GWATHMEY

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ON 4/4/97

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject resides at Bluff Road, Amagansett, NY, with mailing address of Post Office Box 108, Amagansett. He is employed as an Art Instructor at Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art School, Fourth Ave., and Seventh Street, NY, NY. Subject furnished works of art for a Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties art show held 12/2-3-4/66, at NYC; was listed as a member of the Committee of Sponsors for a dinner in tribute to Dr. EDWARD K. BARSKY on the 30th Anniversary of the War in Spain held at NYC, on 2/24/67; was listed as one of the sponsors for the banquet held in celebration of the 45th Anniversary of The Worker held at NYC on 10/8/67.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDResidence and Employment

48 [On November 13, 1967, NY T-1 advised] that the subject continues to reside at Bluff Road, Amagansett, New York. His mailing address is Post Office Box 108, Amagansett.

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u
X [On November 9, 1967, NY T-2 advised] that the subject is currently employed as an Art Instructor at Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art School, Fourth Avenue, and Seventh Street, New York, New York.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE
COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Evidence of Affiliation with or Participation
in Communist Party (CP) Front Groups

Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties

A characterization of the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties is contained in the Appendix to this report.

u
X [On November 30, 1966, NY T-3] furnished a brochure on a Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties art show held December 2, 3, 4, 1966, at New York City. ROBERT GWATHMEY was listed in the brochure as furnishing works of art for the show.

Dr. EDWARD K. BARSKY Dinner

u
X [On February 25, 1967, NY T-4] furnished a program for a "Dinner in tribute to Dr. EDWARD K. BARSKY, on the 30th Anniversary of the War in Spain" held at the Americana Hotel in New York City, on February 24, 1967.

ROBERT GWATHMEY was listed on the back page of this program as one of the "Committee of Sponsors".

In February, 1966, NY T-5 advised that Dr. EDWARD K. BARSKY is a member of the medical group known as the Professional Cultural Section or Group within the New York State Communist Party organization. u

The Worker

In the September 17, 1967, issue of The Worker at Page 10, column 4, there appeared an article entitled "Worker Banquet to Hear GUS HALL and CARL WINTER".

The article read in part as follows:

"GUS HALL, General Secretary of the Communist Party, and CARL WINTER, Editor of The Worker, will be among the speakers at the celebration of the 45th anniversary of The Worker".

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The article indicated that the celebration to be held October 8, 1967, at the Roosevelt Hotel, 45th Street and Madison Avenue, New York City was sponsored by ROBERT GWATHMEY among others.

The Worker is an east coast Communist newspaper.

Miscellaneous

Informants, other than above, who are cognizant of phases of CP activity in the New York City and the Nassau-Suffolk Counties area were contacted and shown a photograph of the subject in October, 1967. They could furnish no information concerning him.

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APPENDIX

1.

CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties:

"CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES (NEW YORK CITY)

"1. 'On the basis of its investigations and hearings to date, the committee concludes that the National Assembly for Democratic Rights and a coordinating and organizing group in support thereof, titled the "Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties", are Communist fronts. Created, dominated, and controlled by members and officials of the Communist Party, the National Assembly for Democratic Rights and the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties were organized as propaganda devices for the conduct of "mass activity" in support of the avowed objective of "reversal or nonapplication" of the Supreme Court decisions of June 5, 1961, which upheld the constitutionality of the registration and disclosure provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950 as applied to the Communist Party, and the Smith Act membership clause making punishable active and purposive membership in the Communist Party.

'***The long-range objective of the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties is to serve as the vehicle for concealed Communist participation in and direction of, propaganda and agitational activities aimed to nullify the Internal Security and Smith Acts

'*** Committee investigation disclosed that the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties was formed on or about June 12, 1961 ***.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report and Hearings on Manipulation of Public Opinion by Organizations Under Concealed Control of the Communist Party (National Assembly for Democratic Rights and Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties), House Report 1282, Part 1, October 2 and 3, 1961, pp. 137, 143 and 144.)"

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New York, New York

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Title Robert Gwathmey

Character Security Matter C

Reference Report of SA Daniel F. O'Connor
dated and captioned as above at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

✓ [NY T-1 and NY T-2] were in a position to furnish reliable information regarding the residence and employment, respectively, of the subject

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Washington, D.C. 20520

November 25, 1968

FBI LIAISON:

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RE:

Robert (NMN) GWATHMEY

BORN: 1/24/03

PLACE: Manchester, Virginia

*2-11-68
4-1-68
+ further action*

RESIDENCE:

Box 108
Amagansett, New York 11930

BUREAU FILE NUMBER:

Unknown

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

Unknown

PASSPORT NUMBER:

J 1320782 issued November 20, 1968
at New York

ATTORNEY:

TRAVEL PLANS

PORT OF DEPARTURE:

Unknown

DATE OF DEPARTURE:

Christmas

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION:

Air

PROPOSED LENGTH OF STAY:

Ten days

COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED:

Spain

PURPOSE OF TRIP:

Museum visits 1 DEC 6 1968

PASSPORT OFFICE
Robert D. Johnson

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-171539)

DATE: 1/9/69

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-42001) (C)

SUBJECT: ROBERT GWATHMEY
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Re Bureau Routing Slip dated 12/6/68, transmitting information memorandum dated 11/25/68, from ROBERT D. JOHNSON, Passport Office.

ROBERT GWATHMEY, born 1/24/03, Manchester, Virginia, and residing at Box 108, Amagansett, NY, 11930 was issued passport number J 1320782 on 11/20/68, at NY. It was indicated that he was to depart at "Christmas" by air for a 10 day stay in Spain for the purpose of museum visits. His port of departure was unknown.

On 12/31/68, [redacted] advised that the subject's mailing address is PO Box 108 but his residence is located on Bluff Road, Amagansett. He stated that the subject had not departed for Europe to his knowledge.

On 12/31/68, using the pretext of a non-existent travel agency at Port Jefferson, NY, the subject was telephonically contacted by SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR and he advised that he would not depart for Europe until the middle of May, 1969.

In view of the latter information, this matter is being closed to be reopened in May, 1969, for verification of the departure of the subject.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-171539)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-42001) (P)

SUBJECT: ROBERT GWATHMEY
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ReNYlet to Bureau dated 1/9/69.

DATE: MAR 7 1969

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Transmitted herewith are six copies of LHM pertaining to captioned individual.

Administrative

Using a pretext of a non-existent travel agency at Port Jefferson, New York, the subject was contacted by SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR on 12/31/68, to obtain his travel plans.

The information attributed in LHM to NY T-1 was furnished to SA O'CONNOR by [redacted]

The source identified as NY T-2 was the Confidential files of the Pennsylvania Motor Police, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, checked by SA C. A. GANNON.

The source identified as NY T-3 is [redacted]; identified as NY T-4 is [redacted]; identified as NY T-5 is [redacted]; identified as NY T-6 is [redacted]; identified as NY T-7 is [redacted]; identified as NY T-8 is [redacted]; identified as NY T-9 is [redacted]

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NEW YORK

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES

AND FIELD OFFICES

ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP

DATE 9-30-68

AT AMAGANSETT NEW YORK

Will maintain contact with [redacted] to determine travel plans of the subject.

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Robert Gwathmey
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A memorandum dated November 25, 1968, over the signature of Robert D. Johnson, Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C. indicated the following:

Robert Gwathmey, born January 24, 1903, Manchester, Virginia and residing at Box 108, Amagansett, New York, was issued passport number J 1320782 on November 20, 1968, at New York. It was indicated that he was to depart at "Christmas" by air for a ten day stay in Spain for the purpose of museum visits. His port of departure was unknown.

42 On December 31, 1968, NY T-1, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that the subject's mailing address is Post Office Box 108, but his residence is located on Bluff Road, Amagansett, New York. This source stated that the subject had not departed for Europe to his knowledge.

On December 31, 1968, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), using an appropriate pretext, telephonically contacted the subject at his residence and he advised that he would not depart for Europe until the middle of May, 1969.

42 On December 31, 1968, NY T-1 advised that the subject is for the most part self employed as an artist, but does have part time employment as an Art Instructor at Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art School, Fourth Avenue and Seventh Street, New York, New York.

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Robert Gwathmey

u [NY T-2, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised in 1947] that the subject was a member of the Communist Party and he believed that he was assigned to the Artists Unit of the Communist Party as of that time.

u [In March, 1962, NY T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Robert Gwathmey participated in a picket demonstration held at the Artist's Committee to Free Siqueiros (ACFS) at the United Nations Plaza on March 17, 1962.

A characterization of ACFS is contained in the appendix section of instant memorandum.

u [In April, 1963, NY T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Robert Gwathmey was one of the speakers and the conductor of the fund raising period at the luncheon and fashion show sponsored by the "National Guardian" at the Hotel Plaza, New York, New York on April 2, 1963.

u A characterization of the "National Guardian" is contained in the appendix to this memorandum.

u [NY T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in September, 1963, that "Robert Gwathmey, New York City - Artist, New York", was listed as a sponsor of the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NCAHUAC) as of September 1, 1963.

u A characterization of the NCAHUAC is contained in the appendix of this memorandum.

u [On November 30, 1966, NY T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a brochure of a Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties art show to be held December 2, 3, 4, 1966 at New York City. Robert Gwathmey was listed in the brochure as furnishing works of art for the show.

A characterization of the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties is contained in the appendix to this memorandum.

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ue [On February 25, 1967, NY T-7] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a program for a "Dinner in tribute to Dr. Edward Barsky, on the 30th Anniversary of the War in Spain" held at the Americana Hotel in New York City, on February 24, 1967.

Robert Gwathmey was listed on the back page of this program as one of the "Committee of Sponsors".

u In February, 1966, NY T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dr. Edward K. Barsky is a member of the medical group known as the Professional Cultural Section or Group within the New York State Communist Party organization. *eu*

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The article indicated that the celebration to be held October 8, 1967, at the Roosevelt Hotel, New York City, was sponsored by Robert Gwathmey among others.

On January 29, 1949, NY T-9, who has furnished reliable information prior thereto, advised that on January 12, 1949, Rosalie Gwathmey, wife of the subject, attended a party of the Photo Club of the Communist Party, held at the Village Vanguard on Seventh Avenue, near Charles Street, New York City. This source advised that Rosalie Gwathmey was a Communist Party member at that time. *eu*

MRS. ROBERT GWATHMEY

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Robert Gwathmey

APPENDIX

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ARTIST'S COMMITTEE TO FREE SIQUEIROS

A source advised that in January, 1962, the name of the United States Friends of Mexico was changed to Artist's Committee to Free Siqueiros (ACFS). In May, 1963, the source reported BETTY MILLARD was listed as Secretary of the organization.

A second source advised that at a press conference held by representatives of the United States Friends of Mexico on 11/10/61, at Mexico City, Mexico, the organization was described as being located in all countries of the world for civil liberties and that the Committee had come to Mexico to fight for the liberty of DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS.

A third source advised that DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS was formerly President of the political committee of the Partido Comunista Mexicana - PCM (Mexican Communist Party) prior to his arrest and imprisonment on 8/9/60. SIQUEIROS was a national leader of the PCM which according to published statements has as its purpose to construct socialism and Communist activities in Mexico.

A fourth source reported that on 3/17/62, due to the number of artists joining the United States Friends of Mexico, the name was changed to ACFS. MILLARD stated that the group would have that same people in the organization for the same purpose.

ETHEL KLEIN NEWTON, an admitted member of the CP, identified BETTY MILLARD as a CP member in 1956.

An article in the "New York Times", a daily newspaper in the New York City area, dated July 14, 1964, Page 25, stated that DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS, a militant Communist, was given a Presidential pardon and freed from prison in Mexico City on July 13, 1964, by the President of Mexico.

The first source advised that on December 7, 1964, P.O. Box 73, Village Station, New York, Former mailing address of ACFS was discontinued for non-payment of rental in September, 1964.

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"CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES (NEW YORK CITY)

"1. 'On the basis of its investigations and hearings to date, the committee concludes that the National Assembly for Democratic Rights and a coordinating and organizing group in support thereof, titled the "Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties", are Communist fronts. Created, dominated, and controlled by members and officials of the Communist Party, the National Assembly for Democratic Rights and the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties were organized as propaganda devices for the conduct of "mass activity" in support of the avowed objective of "reversal or nonapplication" of the Supreme Court decisions of June 5, 1961, which upheld the constitutionality of the registration and disclosure provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950 as applied to the Communist Party, and the Smith Act membership clause making punishable active and purposive membership in the Communist Party.

'***The long-range objective of the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties is to serve as the vehicle for concealed Communist participation in, and direction of, propaganda and agitational activities aimed to nullify the Internal Security and Smith Acts

'*** Committee investigation disclosed that the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties was formed on or about June 12, 1961 ***.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report and Hearings on Manipulation of Public Opinion by Organizations Under Concealed Control of the Communist Party (National Assembly for Democratic Rights and Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties), House Report 1282, Part 1, October 2 and 3, 1961, pp. 137, 143 and 144)

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THE "GUARDIAN" FORMERLY KNOWN AS
"NATIONAL GUARDIAN" WEEKLY GUARDIAN
ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"1. ...'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly...it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia."

The February 3, 1968 issue of the "National Guardian" announced that as of the issue of February 10, 1968, the "National Guardian" would henceforth be known as the "Guardian".

The February 10, 1968 issue of the "Guardian" is self-described as an "independent radical newsweekly" and is published by Weekly Guardian Associates, Incorporated. The "Guardian" lists its address as 197 East 4th Street, New York, New York.

The February 12, 1968, issue of the "New York Times" carried an article entitled, "Radical Editors Say Their Job Is In 'Movement'". This article stated that the first issue of the "Guardian" was dedicated by the paper's staff "To those heroic Liberation fighters who last week began a major offensive against American Imperialism in South Vietnam."

This article quoted one of the editors as saying that "Our job is to build a Radical Movement. To quote the Cuban revolutionaries, we are not only to write about it, but also to move along with it--we are movement people acting as journalists."

"The 'Guardian' takes a strong left position, but it is not identified with any organized group because it believes that an American left ideology is still in the making. One of its purposes is to break away from the cliches of the left ideology of the past."

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THE "GUARDIAN" CONT'D

This article concluded by stating that the "Guardian" is considered the largest radical weekly in America.

A characterization of the American Labor Party is attached separately.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH THE
HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE, KNOWN IN THE NEW YORK
CITY AREA AS THE NEW YORK FRIENDS
OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH
THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE

A source advised that on December 15, 1965, it was decided by the Executive Committee of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC) to dissolve and turn over its work in the New York City area to the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NCAHUAC).

According to the source, the NCAHUAC established at that time a group called the New York Friends of the NCAHUAC (NYF). The source stated that NYF would handle all abolition work in the New York City area and would engage primarily in political and fund-raising activities.

The source advised that as of December 4, 1967, the NYF was utilizing Post Office Box 423, Cathedral Station, New York, New York, as its mailing address.

The source advised on December 4, 1967, that the NYF has not been active during 1967. It has not sponsored any meetings either of its members or of a fund-raising nature during this time.

The source also advised at this time that none of the officers of the NYF are known to the source to be present members of the Communist Party (CP).

Characterizations of the NYCAHUAC and the NCAHUAC are set out separately.

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New York, New York

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NYfile 100-42001

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Memorandum

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BY DEPARTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC)
DATE: 4/17/97 (92-0874) SP609/Buy
12-8-97

TO : Director, FBI (~~100-171539~~)
Attention:

FROM : Legat, Paris (100-2873) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ROBERT GWATHMEY
SM - C

DATE: 6/16/69

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REASON-FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2, 2.3
DATE OF REVIEW 6/16/89

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Re NY let & LHM 3/7/69.

☒ On 4/4/69 dissemination was made of pertinent portions of re LHM

to:

☐ On _____ the enclosed information was received from:

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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Remarks:

The above sources have been alerted regarding subject's proposed travel and in the event any pertinent information is received in the future Bureau and New York will be advised.

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- VVK:AM
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INT. SEC. 100-171543

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (Your file 100-42001) DATE: 6-17-69 6-2069

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 100-171548) ☒ Post in file and destroy 0-1 (For SOG use only)

SUBJECT: Robert Livathmey Room No. 9-10-0
SM-C

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 DATE 9/14/89 BY SP2MA/BCU

☐ 1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.

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☒ 2. DATE ☐ airtel ☒ letterhead memo ☐ submitted
☐ report ☒ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter ☒ will be submitted 7/3/69

Reporting employee _____

☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted _____

☐ 4. Status of ☐ Appeal ☐ Inquiry ☐ Investigation
☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo
☐ 5. Submit ☐ report ☐ 90-day progress letter by _____
☐ letter

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100-42001

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-171543-171539)

DATE: 6/20/69

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-42001) (C)

SUBJECT:

ROBERT GWATHMEY
SM - C

ReNY LHM to Bureau, dated 3/7/69.

Transmitted herewith are six copies of LHM
pertaining to captioned individual.

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The information attributed to NY T-1 was furnished
to SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR by FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

This source advised that he would advise
SA O'CONNOR if he learns of any travel plans of the subject.

Inasmuch as the subject gives no indication of
carrying out his plans to travel abroad in the near future,
this matter is being closed subject to reopening in the event
the subject does indicate an intention to leave the country.

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On June 19, 1969, NY T-1 advised that captioned individual continues to reside on Bluff Road, Amagansett, New York, and though he has occasion to converse with Gwathmey every day he, Gwathmey, has given no indication of an intention to depart the United States for travel abroad in the near future. This source advised that he is certain that Gwathmey did not leave the United States as planned in May, 1969.

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